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'Destructive' pylons plan toppled – but fight goes on

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PLANS to put up hundreds of electricity pylons across the Kent countryside have been blocked by the Government.

Campaigners feared huge swathes of land, including Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), would be blighted by the 150ft pylons.

Proposals from the National Grid would have created a generation scheme at Dungeness with power lines running across the county and straddling the countryside of west Kent.

Although a route had not been confirmed, Protect Kent, the county's branch of Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), said it was aware of a plan for lines to run from Rowden near Croydon through to Lydd.

But these have been scuppered after they failed to survive a government strategic review.

National Grid spokesman Anthony Quarrell said: "We had an agreement to connect the proposed generation scheme at Dungeness C. However, the scheme did not make it through the Government's strategic review on future nuclear power stations."

While Protect Kent campaigners were celebrating the announcement, a spokesman said plans for a line of pylons in east Kent was still on the agenda.

"We are extremely pleased to hear of the west Kent pylons scheme being abandoned by National Grid. It is wonderful that this area of beautiful landscape is not going to be destroyed by rows of massive pylons, however, we must maintain our vigilance.

"The line of pylons from Canterbury to Richborough still seems to be on the agenda so we really need to pressure National Grid to rethink their plans.

"I also find it unbelievable that we are still no closer to undergrounding new pylons as so many other European countries are now doing.

"For a progressive country such as ours to be unwilling to spend a small sum of money to ensure our landscapes retain their natural beauty is unthinkable, and shows National Grid is putting

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LOOK WHO'S HERE

TRUE LOVE: David Tennant is among the stars descending on Margate **SEE INSIDE**

BROADBAND

Internet cash still falls short

BT has called for a partnership approach to tackle Kent's rural internet problem.

The telecom giant plans to upgrade 13 broadband exchanges in the county as part of a £2.5 billion scheme, but says more support is needed to provide 'not-spot' areas with the fastest speeds. **PAGE 7**

POLITICS

Clegg refuses to take blame

LIBERAL Democrat leader Nick Clegg has denied he is solely responsible for the party's disastrous collapse in Kent.

During a visit to Maidstone, the Deputy Prime Minister said it was a joint decision to enter into the Coalition and he does not regret putting the country before his party. **PAGE 10**

SPORT

Gutsy House eyes big finish

THE Tour of Britain reaches its climax in London today with a Kent rider looking to figure prominently.

Kristian House won the combative rider award for his part in a breakaway on Wednesday and the Canterbury cyclist is hoping to attack again on the streets of the capital. **PAGE 84**

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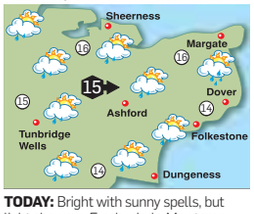

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ELECTRIC PYLONS

Campaigners celebrate as pylon plan is ditched

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profit before people." Protect Kent said cables should be laid underground, something the National Grid claims will cost £22 million per kilometre instead of the equivalent overhead line cost of £1.8m/km.

But research carried out by the environmental campaign group found the cost of underground lines was £3.5m/km.

National Grid stuck by its argument that underground cables would be too costly and that overhead lines were quicker to repair.

Spokesman Mr Quarrell added: "Britain is facing what has been dubbed 'the energy challenge'.

"With many power stations due to close in the coming years, new energy infrastructure must be built to ensure people continue to enjoy the safe, secure and reliable energy supplies to which they have become accustomed."

National Grid is responsible for offering new connections to network operators that want to generate electricity or need a high-voltage supply.

Last month, defence secretary Dr Liam Fox stated his opposition for towering overhead pylons to be built across the country.

HEALTH

Mums-to-be face closure of birthing units in NHS review

By Marijke Cox
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FEARS have been raised over potential changes to birthing facilities in east Kent, with critics questioning the future of maternity services across the county.

Four options have been put forward by an NHS review group, including ending pregnant women delivering at birthing units in Dover and Canterbury.

Although antenatal, postnatal and community services would still be available, expectant mothers would have to travel to either the QEQM in Margate or William Harvey in Ashford to have their babies.

A new £300,000 midwife-led facility is due to open in Thanet, located within the QEQM which has a traditional consultant-led service.

During a meeting of the health overview and scrutiny committee at Kent County Council last week, Cllr Nigel Collor, who represents Dover town, warned that women could end up "having their babies delivered at the side of the road by paramedics on motorbikes" as they tried to reach a place to give birth.

"What assurances can we have for the wider service of east Kent? There are a lot of unanswered questions," he added.

Cllr Keith Ferrin, also on the health overview and scrutiny committee, said he was becoming increasingly concerned with capacity and the wider issue of maternity across the county.

The review, led by a Maternity Services Review Group and involving temporary suspension of births at Dover and Canterbury units in January, was driven by the aim to have a higher rate of midwives to births – at 1:28, to allow one-to-one care during labour.

Folkestone GP Dr Sarah Montgomery, who chaired the review, said midwife to birth ratio varied from 1:9 in units in Dover and Canterbury to 1:40 in the consultant-led unit at Ashford, which deals with the most complex deliveries.

LABOUR OF LOVE: The Maternity Services Review Group has argued that two hospital choices are needed to give mums-to-be the safest possible birthing option

"Before the temporary closures on average there were five births a week at Dover, seven at Canterbury, 56 at Margate and 70 at the William Harvey," she said.

"Births at the stand alone units in Canterbury and Dover have been declining for the past five years."

The four options put forward by the review group were to:

- Maintain all facilities including births at Canterbury and Dover and open Thanet hospital midwifery-led unit. Cost £2,126,667.
- Maintain all facilities including births at Canterbury. Stop births at Dover. Open Thanet hospital midwifery-led unit. Cost £1,475,241.
- Maintain births at Dover but not at Canterbury. Open Thanet hospital midwifery-led unit, cost £1,355,320.
- Stop births at Canterbury and Dover, open Thanet hospital midwifery-led unit. Cost £700,468.

Dr Montgomery said: "The Maternity Services Review Group believes that offering the choice of giving birth at two hospitals is the safest, fairest and most sustainable option for the long-term future.

"By changing services in this way, it will be possible to provide every woman with one-to-one care in labour. It also means parents still have a choice about the type of birth they want – a home birth, a low intervention birth at a midwife-led unit, or at consultant-led unit for those mums at higher risk."

A three-month public consultation is expected to start next month to consider the options.

Cllr Alan Willicombe, who is on the health overview and scrutiny committee, said: "Not long ago we had a consultation about Maidstone (maternity services) and came to a decision that unfortunately was not listened to or upheld by the government inspector.

"I'm questioning the value of the consultation. I would like to ask that for this consultation the NHS makes sure they are hearing what people are saying and that they do not overweigh the report in their favour with findings that are sometimes questionable."

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ANCESTRY

Who does he think he is? War story a sombre note in funny man's past

By Steve Knight
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COMEDIAN Alan Carr received some shocking home truths when exploring his Kentish roots for a BBC One show.

The camp comic was the star of Wednesday night's popular Who Do You Think You Are? show, but the discovery his great grandfather Henry Carter was a World War One deserter was no laughing matter.

Mr Carter fled the 33rd Division of the British Army shortly after signing up in 1915, and moved with his wife Annie to Crayford, near Dartford, where he changed his name to Richard Mercer. Their eight sons all fought in World War Two.

Dr Sandra Dunster of the University of Greenwich was filmed with Carr at the Centre for Kentish Studies in Maidstone, where she showed evidence of her findings, including documents confirming his great grandfather's name change as well as a period photograph of the Vickers weapons factory in Crayford, where he worked during the war.

Dr Dunster said: "Finding out a family secret like this can be a difficult experience for anyone to go through.

Picture: BBC/WALL TO WALL/DOREEN DINGWALL

"Alan has a reputation as a funny man, and he is very warm and engaging in person. He used his humour to deal with the situation and put me at ease in front of the camera.

"He asked a lot of intelligent questions, showing an interest in the historical context, and was a delight to work with."

Carr – the son of former Maidstone United manager Graham Carr – would have been wise to keep a low profile upon his return to the town following comments he made about its residents in 2008.

The stand-up star branded Maidstone racist, sexist and homophobic, adding that its audiences were the worst he had faced.

"They hated me," he said. "It was full of homophobic, narrow-minded morons. And it wasn't just me; if you were black or Asian you got abuse."

Despite his criticism of the town, Carr was more than happy to return so he could learn more about his family history.

Earlier this year Strictly Come Dancing judge Len Goodman, who runs a dance studio in Dartford, also appeared on the show and was surprised to discover his ancestors were so poor they were sent to a Victorian workhouse.

Dr June Balshaw, principal lecturer in history at the University of Greenwich, said: "The great thing about this series is that it encourages people to find out more about the hidden histories of their families.

"When you get your hands dirty in the archives you can start to interpret data and locate it within broader social and historical contexts."

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MADE IN KENT: Henry Carter and his wife Annie, (left) the great grandparents of Alan Carr (above), fled to Crayford during World War One

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bomb scare by school

BOMB disposal teams carried out a controlled explosion on a package left near the Diocesan of Payne Smith Primary School in Canterbury.

The object, which was discovered by an off-duty police officer in Broad Street, at about 1.15pm on Wednesday, forced an evacuation of the immediate area.

The bomb disposal unit carried out a controlled explosion just before 4pm, and people were allowed back into their homes at about 7pm.

999 targets missed

AMBULANCES are only meeting their target response times in a handful of locations in Kent.

The South East Coast Ambulance service (SECAmb) is failing to meet the Government's goal of responding to 75 per cent of category A call-outs within eight minutes in seven areas in Kent between April, 2010, and March this year.

Despite this, across the county, the average ambulance response time was six minutes and 40 seconds, with SECAmb reaching 76 per cent of all its call-outs inside the eight minute period.

Teeing off for charity

FUNNYMAN Dave Lee is hosting his annual celebrity charity golf tournament on Sunday at Chart Hills Golf Club in Biddenden, near Ashford. The all-star event, sponsored by Archant KOS Media, will raise funds for Dave Lee's Happy Holidays charity, which sends sick and under-privileged children on holiday. Admission to the event, which starts at 10am, is £5 and free for children, with free parking.

TELEVISION

Doctor Who stars are by the seaside to film TV dramas

A HOST of big name stars, among them David Tennant, Billie Piper, Jane Horrocks, David Morrissey and Ashley Walters, are heading to Kent to shoot a major new series of BBC dramas.

Love Life will air on BBC One next year, spearheaded by award-winning writer and director Dominic Savage, 49, who was born in Margate.

The star-studded line-up will shoot scenes in Thanet as part of a five-part series centred around Margate.

Former child actor Mr Savage said: "I am looking to create something special that has a modern view on the age old mystery of love; something that expresses the reality of love and puts it on the screen. I am looking to explore these themes in the seaside town of Margate, with a group of incredibly talented actors who are ready to journey with me on this."

Love Life explores five powerful and overlapping love stories set in the same town. Each story looks at a different relationship and explores a different dilemma or situation.

Former Doctor Who David Tennant will appear in the first – his dilemma occurs when his first love reappears and disrupts his happily married family life. His former companion in the sci-fi hit, Billie Piper will appear in the second as a teacher drawn to one of her female pupils.

Ben Stephenson, controller, BBC Drama commissioning, said: "This is a complete first in TV drama on BBC One: a serial made through improvisation. It features some of our very best acting talent working in a way we've never seen on screen from them before, using improvisation to push the boundaries of each story, to get right to the heart of the truth."

LOVE DOCTOR: David Tennant and Billie Piper are among the big names filming in Margate

Each film will be semi-improvised as Mr Savage works through scenarios with the actors to find truth and authenticity. He has won numerous awards for his work, including two Baftas for best single drama, and the Edinburgh International Film Award for best new feature.

Filming details are being kept a closely guarded secret.

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EDUCATION

Schools to take more control of their cash

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FUNDING: The number of academies means it is no longer viable for KCC to provide many services

THE rising number of academies has pushed Kent County Council to "tipping point", forcing the authority to hand over Government funds directly to headteachers for schools to buy their own services.

Education chiefs said it would help create a level playing field, where maintained schools will have the same control over their funds as academies from April next year.

Cabinet member for education, Cllr Mike Whiting, said KCC had spoken with its schools about them each taking responsibility for buying services which were previously provided directly thorough the authority and paid for centrally out of the Government grant.

"If agreed, this will allow greater parity between community and academy schools' funding and give them some of the extra financial flexibility, choice and independence offered by academy status," he said. "Also, by moving services to a traded basis it will mitigate the effects of schools converting to academy status."

The latest Department for Education figures showed 49 of 101 secondary schools had changed to academy status, with a number of primary schools now following suit.

Academies are given state funding directly which they use to buy services, such as support for special education needs, teacher recruitment and catering, from providers, including KCC.

Fears were raised last year that once the number of academies had pushed KCC to "tipping point" – when it is uneconomic for the council to provide services automatically to maintained schools – KCC would have to run as a service provider, competing with other businesses, with less funding for schools in its control.

But Cllr Whiting said there were a range of educational services KCC had a statutory responsibility to provide for children, whether or not the school chose to become an academy.

The council has launched EduKent to provide all schools with the support services they require by a team of headteachers.

"The decision whether to apply for academy status is a matter for individual governing bodies to consider. However, schools do not necessarily need to change status to benefit from many of those freedoms which are available to academies." said Cllr Whiting.

"KCC is committed to working with all schools across Kent irrespective of their status. We see all schools and academies as part of the Kent family of schools and what matters the most is making sure children and young people get the best start in life and are able to fulfil their potential."

Education experts first expressed fears last year that KCC may be forced to change the way it provided services.

The growing number of academies has now pushed the council to the feared "tipping point".

Peter Read, from Gravesend-based Kent Independent Advice, said: "One of the reasons a lot of good secondary schools have become academies is they do not need the support that KCC has to find for all schools.

"Taking funds away puts more pressure on the schools left that really need the extra resources.

"Academies are financially better off than state schools. The trade-off is the appropriate support from KCC but that support is to be cut dramatically through the loss of funding."

He added: "Kent has been left with a rump of secondary schools many of which have problems and need extra resources to support them which don't exist because funding has been given to academies, which are already successful schools."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Soldier dies in training

A 19-year-old soldier has been shot dead at a Ministry of Defence training ground in Lydd.

Police were alerted to the incident at Romney Marsh at around 2.45pm on Wednesday.

Kent Police say they are working closely with the Army and Health and Safety Executive.

The soldier's next of kin have been informed.

Rockers at cathedral

A TRIO of rock legends will be performing a special Christmas concert at Canterbury Cathedral to raise funds towards its conservation.

Iron Maiden frontman Bruce Dickinson whose hits include Bring Your Daughter to the Slaughter, Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson and Justin Hayward from the Moody Blues, will play in a one-off performance on December 10 for the Canterbury Gift, the charity that raises funds towards conservation, education, music and craftsmanship at Canterbury Cathedral.

Tickets go on sale on Monday, call 01227 464764 or email tickets@thecanterburygift.com.

Crossing toll survey

ALMOST nine in 10 businesses (86 per cent) disagree with proposed increases to the toll charges at the Dartford Crossing, according to a Federation of Small Businesses survey in Kent, Essex and London.

The survey of 590 businesses will be offered as evidence to the Department of Transport (DfT) consultation into plans to increase the toll charges.

POLICE

Police defend UK's highest 'no crimes' rate for rape offences

KENT Police has defended itself from criticism of the high number of rape claims dismissed as 'no crimes'.

Figures released by the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) reveal that last year 30 per cent of rape claims in Kent – the highest in the country – fell into the 'no crime' category.

The vast majority of rape claims classed as 'no crimes' in England and Wales are due to a force obtaining clear evidence that a rape did not take place, but many are also down to alleged victims failing to substantiate their claims.

Campaigners from charity Women Against Rape say this does not mean a crime did not take place, adding that the high figures are "insulting" and send out a "terrible message".

But Kent Police said the method of 'no-criming' – which forms part of the Home Office's accounting rules – has nothing to do with how seriously the force investigates allegations of rape.

A spokesman said: "It is unfortunate that use of the term has been interpreted negatively in some cases, there have even been misleading suggestions that it shows police do not take rape seriously.

"Everyone who reports rape is treated with dignity and respect and is taken seriously. Kent Police has a high conviction rate, and of the cases that go to court 72.5 per cent result in prosecutions."

The Acpo figures come four years after an in-depth review of the way rape allegations are handled by police and prosecutors found some cases were being dropped prematurely.

The findings by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Her Majesty's Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate found that police wrongly recorded rape allegations as 'no crime' in nearly a third of cases when the claims should have been investigated further.

Police said a recent review of open cases resulted in above average 'no crimes' between April 2010 and March 2011.

The spokesman added: "The way the force investigates rape is reviewed regularly and we are constantly striving to offer victims an enhanced support service. Officers work closely with the Crown Prosecution Service and this has helped us in many successful prosecutions for this serious offence."

CRIME

OAP stabbed to death

A MAN has appeared in court charged with murder after a 71-year-old was stabbed to death.

Tony Wotton, 47, of Mackenzie Way, Gravesend, appeared before magistrates on Wednesday, and was remanded in custody to appear at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday, September 16. The victim was found at a house in Mackenzie Way on Monday, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

EXPEDITION

Felicity goes it alone to cross Antarctica

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SHE conquered the South Pole with seven brave women by her side, but now adventurer Felicity Aston is going solo in a bid to become the first female to cross Antarctica alone.

The 33-year-old, who lives in Birchington, will attempt 1,700 km in 70 days, with no-one but herself and the harsh environment for company.

Speaking to KoS during training for the gruelling ski trek, she admitted the loneliness was already worrying her.

"The biggest challenge will be my mental state. I've got to keep my mind busy. Boredom is the worst thing and trying to keep a positive mental attitude is important," she said.

"This is totally different to what I have done before – it's the first expedition I've done on my own, which makes it a lot more dangerous."

In December, 2009, Miss Aston successfully completed the Kaspersky Lab Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition, where she led a team of seven women from different Commonwealth countries to the South Pole.

"I'm already missing the girls and I know that although one person getting ready for an expedition is a little easier than eight, it's daunting knowing I'll be on my own," she said.

"Having said that, there is an appeal of having Antarctica to myself."

But Miss Aston admitted she was more vulnerable this time around.

"Where in a team someone will notice if you are struggling or acting funny, I will have to be aware of that myself – that worries me.

"I have to make sure I'm more cautious; I have to be concentrating 100 per cent of the time and make good decisions. It's unnerving."

She added: "The training I'm doing at the moment is all about increasing stamina with low intensity training such as long slow jogs and pulling tyres."

Miss Aston is working with a psychologist who will track her behaviour through podcasts as part of a study.

"He'll be able to see the impact of such a trip on a person. I'm going to try experiments with my mind, for example, if I think of scenes from the seaside continuously, I could start to hallucinate those images.

"In previous trips I've had hallucinogenic experiences.

"You know it's not real but you can see yourself walking through a valley or on a beach."

But the intrepid explorer, who already has a long list of adventurous expeditions under her belt, said she is looking forward to the trip, called the Kaspersky One Transantarctic Expedition.

She is leaving Kent on November 2 and will start skiing in Antarctica 10 days later.

■ **To track her adventure go to www.kasperskyonetransantarcticexpedition.com.**

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LONELY PURSUIT: Felicity Aston has reached the South Pole as part of a team but says she is now looking forward to 'having Antarcticta all to myself' as she embarks upon her solo expedition

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HEALTH

Adult social care charges to rise

MORE than 5,000 elderly and disabled people will soon find out how they will be affected by plans to raise the cost of providing adult social care in Kent.

The county council wants to increase the amount of available income taken into account when working out how much to charge a person, while also asking mental health patients to contribute for the first time.

It also plans to include day care and transport as part of the services that can be charged for, in an attempt to save about £2.9 million a year.

More than 6,700 residents, carers, MPs, councils and NHS staff responded to a 12-week consultation into the proposals, and a report containing a summary of their views will be discussed by KCC cabinet members on Monday, September 19.

The report concludes that Cllr Graham Gibbens – cabinet member for adult social care – should make the final decision after taking into account the views of the adult social care and public health policy overview and scrutiny committee, which meets the following day.

A KCC spokesman said: "Improving healthcare means people are living longer, more people need social care services than ever before, and many are choosing to live at home for as long as they can.

"However, there is less money in the public sector and less coming from central government. No-one will be asked to pay more than an assessment shows they can afford."

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BROADBAND

Rural 'not-spot' areas to miss out on £2.5bn BT broadband upgrade

By Steve Knight
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LEFT OUT: BT plans to upgrade 13 exchanges across Kent but people living in rural areas will still be left disconnected and unable to reap the benefits from superfast broadband

TELECOMS giant BT says it cannot solve Kent's broadband troubles alone, despite announcing faster speeds for an additional 160,000 homes and businesses in the county.

The telecommunications firm plans to upgrade 13 more exchange areas in Kent as part of a £2.5 billion superfast-fibre broadband programme, but the funding is unlikely to benefit people currently living in rural 'not-spot' areas.

Last month Kent County Council received a £10 million grant from the Government to help, but the cash falls some way short of the £42 million needed to ensure 90 per cent of homes in the county have access to the best internet speeds.

The latest BT upgrades – which include improvements to exchanges in Gillingham, Maidstone, Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Whitstable – are due to be completed by autumn 2012.

BT South East regional director John Weaver said: "We have long said reaching the largely rural and remote 'final third' will require a partnership approach, and we welcome the fact the Government has recently allocated funding for these more challenging areas.

"BT has the strength and commitment to deliver large-scale broadband projects and we want to play a leading role in bringing faster technologies to our rural communities.

"As our investment demonstrates, BT is playing its part in delivering faster broadband across the UK – but there needs to be a collective effort to ensure no part of Kent is left behind."

KCC entered a bid for the full £42m from the Broadband Delivery UK fund last May but was left disappointed when the Government overlooked it in favour of three smaller bids from Norfolk, Wiltshire, and Devon and Somerset.

About seven per cent of households in Kent have no access to broadband services of any kind, while 40 per cent are unable to achieve fixed-line transfer rates of two megabits per second.

Cranbrook near Tunbridge Wells is the worst 'not-spot' for broadband in the UK, with download speeds up to five times slower than the national average.

But despite the gloomy outlook, Cllr Roger Gough, KCC cabinet member for business strategy, said the BT funding was a step in the right direction.

He added: "The arrival of superfast broadband is a very important development and represents a significant investment for Kent.

"This news further supports KCC's ongoing commitment to ensure homes and businesses in the area have access to the benefits of next-generation broadband connections."

The BT upgrades will take the number of Kent homes and businesses benefiting from superfast broadband to more than 500,000.

CRIME

Three charged over fire that killed mum and tot

THREE people have been charged after a house fire in Chatham last Saturday, which killed a young mother and her 15-month-old son.

Emma Smith, 21, from the Barley Lea, Stoke Aldermore in Coventry was charged on with one count of conspiracy to murder and one count of arson with intent to endanger life.

Her boyfriend, and the estranged husband and father of the victims, Danai Muhammadi, 23, of Britannia Street in Coventry, was charged with two counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder.

Farhad Mahmud, 35, from Kensington House in Fernhill Road, Maidstone was charged on two counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder.

A fourth person – a 37-year-old man from Coventry – was released on police bail while police inquiries continue.

Melissa Crook, 20, and son Noah, died after the fire in the terraced house in Chatham Hill. Her father, 49, remains in a life-threatening condition.

Her mother and brother are recovering at home from injuries sustained int he blaze.

ROADS

Syrup sticking point for motorists after spillage on the A20

DRIVERS were left in jam after a lorry spilt its load of syrup across the busy A20 between Ashford and Hythe.

The accident took place at around 3am on Thursday and resulted in the road being temporarily closed while the emergency services faced a sticky clean-up operation.

Peter McDermott, who runs mobile food outlet Posh Pete's Burger Van near the scene of the accident, explained: "Everybody's been stopping and asking 'are we doing pancakes this morning?'

"But what is odd, is the lorry driver was still in his cab – he had the curtains drawn, music playing and he wouldn't open up even for the police."

Council workers used spades to shovel sand onto the affected road area, while others jokingly pretended to sip from the ruptured tanks.

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COURT

Tree surgeon caused worker's horrific injury

A TREE surgeon has been fined after an employee suffered severe injuries when his trouser leg was caught in a tree stump grinder.

Davyd Dyer, 30, suffered a broken leg, severe muscle injuries and was hospitalised for several weeks when his employer, Richard Curteis, left the machine running without being at the controls.

Curteis, trading as Aspen Tree Services, was prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive over the incident on September 29, 2010.

He pleaded guilty to breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act and was fined £5,000 and ordered to pay costs of £3,679.

The injuries Dyer's sustained mean it is uncertain whether he will be able to continue working as a tree surgeon.

DEVELOPMENT

Boost for home buyers with new housing deal

SOME 1,136 new affordable homes are to be built in Kent as part of a four-year investment agreement between the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and The Town and Country Housing Group (TCHG).

Officials say it will significantly improve affordable housing provision in Kent, where average house prices have been recorded as being up to 14 times the average local salary.

HEALTH

Obesity league of shame reveals overeating crisis in two districts

By Marijke Cox
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SHOCKING new figures have exposed the increasing problem of obesity in parts of Kent where almost a third of adults are overweight.

Medway and Swale were named and shamed in a Department of Health survey as two of four local authorities in the country with worrying obesity levels, well above the national average of 23 per cent.

The average level predicted across Britain by 2030 is 30 per cent – but the two Kent areas have already reached the staggering figure.

Dr Alison Barnett, director of public health for Medway, admitted that although obesity was a countrywide issue, the estimated figures showed that Medway had a particularly high rate.

She said the trust was trying to combat the problem with specialist weight management courses, exercise referral schemes and holistic one-to-one support.

"We also do preventative work with young children and families," she said.

"This includes MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It!) schemes for children and their families, community food projects, and we are working with schoolchildren through the Our Medway: Counting Down to 2012 project to make healthy eating and activity integral parts of the primary school curriculum."

Jonathan Sexton, assistant director of public health for Canterbury and Swale, said: "Obesity is a complex problem to tackle because very often unhealthy habits have become a way of life.

"High levels of obesity are often found in areas of deprivation and are also linked to a person's emotional well-being and mental health.

"NHS Kent and Medway has been working hard to tackle levels of adult obesity in Swale and commissions a range of services that can help support people to lose weight."

In adults, a person is considered obese if their bodyweight is at least 20 per cent higher than it should be.

If Body Mass Index (BMI), a measure derived from height and weight, is between 25 and 29.9 a person is considered overweight and if 30 or more, obese.

According to NHS figures, obesity has tripled in England in the last 20 years.

Last month it was revealed that child obesity in Dartford was at a shocking level with 22.7 per cent of year six pupils – aged 10-11 – considered obese, much higher than the national average of 18.7 per cent.

The number was also high in Gravesham, at 19.9 per cent.

A spokesman from NHS West Kent said the trust was working with Dartford and Gravesham councils to invest in a healthy living scheme.

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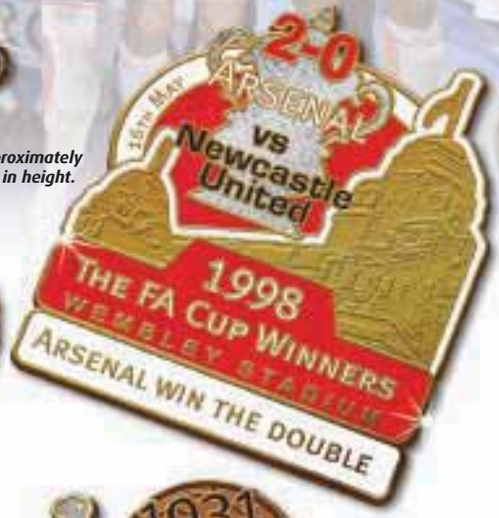

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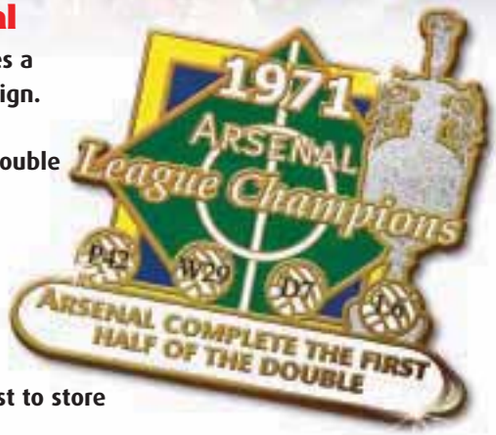

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POLITICS

Clegg won't take

LIB DEM leader Nick Clegg is refusing to take the blame for his party's disastrous collapse at last May's local elections.

Support for the party crumbled in districts across Kent, with councillors losing six seats each in Canterbury and Shepway, five in Sevenoaks and four in Medway.

Mr Clegg has been heavily criticised for his role alongside the Conservatives in the Coalition, and for backing controversial policies such as the increase in university tuition fees.

But following a private meeting with party supporters in Maidstone, the Deputy Prime Minister told KoS he was not solely to blame for the drop in support.

"We took a collective decision to enter into a coalition," he said. "It wasn't just me deciding on my own; we all met in a great big warehouse and voted on it.

"Of course, I understand how painful it is when councillors lose their seats, particularly through no fault of their own, but do I think it was wrong to step up to the plate and put national interests before the party's? No I don't.

"Just because we're having a hard time one year does not mean we will continue to do so forever. It was always inevitable that a party used to being in opposition was going to have its ups and downs in Government, but we are still in the early stages and I sense that even people angry with the Coalition do at least accept there are no quick fixes for whoever is in power."

Pictures: PAUL JERREAT

UNDER FIRE: Nick Clegg believes the public understand difficult decisions have to be made

A Lib Dem report due to be discussed at the party's annual conference in Birmingham this weekend concludes that Mr Clegg's decision to call a referendum on the voting system on the same day as the local elections backfired disastrously.

It said that the double poll took media airtime away from the elections and allowed Labour supporters to "kick the party twice".

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blame for Lib Dem failures

During a visit to meet party faithful in the county, leader Nick Clegg tells **Steve Knight** he will not take sole responsibility for the Lib Dems' collapse in May's local elections and says it is time to look to the future

The failed referendum was one of many issues discussed at Maidstone's Grange Moor Hotel last week – a meeting originally scheduled for last month but which was put back as a result of the riots.

"I wanted to keep my word and come to Kent because the Liberal Democrats have been through a rollercoaster ride over the last year," said Mr Clegg.

"We've had to make a lot of difficult and downright unpopular decisions but I think we are doing the right thing for the long-term benefit of the country.

"It's important to listen to people's concerns so as we move on over the next four years we get things right."

There are currently no Liberal Democrat MPs in Kent, nor have there ever been any. However, the Lib Dems are the main opposition party to the Conservative-led Kent County Council and maintain a healthy presence in several district councils despite the loss of seats at the local elections.

Some local activists believe the party should focus more on local government success than in Parliament, but Mr Clegg said he did not think the two were separable.

"If you win council seats then it's easier to win seats in Westminster, and vice versa," he said.

"We've taken a huge knock in Kent but it's time to dust ourselves down and move forward confidently together."

"Do I think it was wrong to step up to the plate and put national interests before the party's? No I don't."

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ARMED FORCES

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TIGER FEET PATROL: 10 Platoon, Company 2 Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment on patrol in North Arm on the Falkand Islands during their tour as Roulement Infantry Company (RIC)

Cold front

Although the most well publicised for obvious reasons, Afghanistan is not the only distant theatre of operations for the county's men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. **Nigel Sargeant** talks to soldiers of the Prince of Wales Royal Regiment who have embarked upon a gruelling four-month stint 'down south' in the far-flung Falkand Islands

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SOLDIERS from the county have taken on a complete change of scene and duties this summer, heading almost as far south as you can get before reaching Antarctica.

Members of Woolwich-based 2nd Battalion Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment have travelled 'down south' for tough training in the mountains and valleys of the Falkland Islands, off the coast of South America.

Battalion members, known as 'The Tigers', are taking their turn as the islands' Roulement Infantry Company (RIC), providing security during a four-month stint in the harsh Falklands winter.

Eight thousand miles from UK, on the other side of the world, they have been helping guarantee the islands' safety during the battalion's first detachment to the Falklands since 2006.

The battalion recruits heavily from Kent and across the South East, and the regimental headquarters are at Howe Barracks in Canterbury.

In UK their primary role is public duties in London, providing ceremonial guards for Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and St James's Palace, among other glamorous locations.

However, they recently swapped ceremonial uniforms for combat kit and cold weather clothing to cope with the driving winds, snow and heavy rain of the Falklands winter – a far cry from the sunshine of the Royal Wedding where they were street liners.

Pomp and pageantry have given way to their current role to provide a 'Quick Reaction Force', guard security installations, patrol across the islands, and maintain a powerful British presence.

In line with British Government policy, British forces remain in the islands following the 1982 Falklands conflict, to help guarantee the islands' safety and support the islanders' wish to remain UK sovereign territory. The 1,200-strong British Forces Garrison, which makes up British Forces South Atlantic Islands, is based at Mount Pleasant Complex, 27 miles from the capital, Stanley.

At the same time, the Falklands, with their daunting terrain and challenging climate provide a superb training environment for all three services, which will stand any British soldier in good stead for operational service in Afghanistan.

The rugged mountains, extensive moorlands, wild ocean and remote beaches offer fantastic potential for realistic exercises, helping to hone their versatility, above all operating in harsh winter weather, compared with the sweltering summers of Afghanistan.The Battalion saw service there in 2008-09, winning several awards for bravery.

Within relatively short distances, the infanteers have found themselves thrust into demanding tactical scenarios, including live firing, patrolling across mountains and valleys, conducting beach landings, and practising helicopter-borne assaults. There has also been the chance to work with the RAF's latest Typhoon jets, 'spotting' targets for them during exercises.

The stay has by no means been all work, however. They have had the chance to get close up to the exotic wildlife on remote beaches, including penguins and sea lions, tour the islands' olde-world capital Stanley, and visit the battlefields where their Army predecessors fought the conflict nearly 30 years ago.

Following their return to UK, the Tigers will get a spot of leave, before returning to public duties in London and preparing for next year's challenges: supporting the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and London 2012 Olympics.

'The harder we train, the more effective we are operationally'

A SHEERNESS lance corporal is among troops from Kent who have 'headed for the hills' in a complete change of scene and duties.

Lance Corporal Nicholas Butcher, 26, the son of Nicholas and Marie Butcher, serves with the 2nd Battalion Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

This summer, he and battalion colleagues travelled 'down south' as part of the Islands' Roulement Infantry Company.

Nicholas attended Minster College before joining the Army in 2005 and since then has been to Afghanistan, Cyprus, jungle training in Belize and Army skiing in France. He and his wife Jo have two children, Esmay and Renea.

He said: "The harder we train the more effective we are operationally, and the Falklands provides a superb training environment.

"They also offer a great chance to see some unique wildlife and tour round the islands."

Nicholas is pictured on patrol at a remote Falklands settlement, providing a reassuring presence to the locals.

'It's been an amazing experience'

PRIVATE Liam Horgan, 20, says his trip to the Falkland Islands has been "an amazing experience".

Liam, whose parents Jim and Bev Horgan live in Sturry, was educated at Canterbury High School before joining the Army in 2008.

During his Armed Forces career Liam has served in Afghanistan and Cyprus, as well as a detachment to Italy. In his spare time he enjoys fishing.

The Army is a family career, with his brother James also serving with the Battalion, and being in the Falklands for a different part of the Roulement.

Liam said: "It has been an amazing experience. The weather was bitterly cold and we have had some excellent training, operating in harsh conditions across really difficult terrain. And it has been a great chance to see a really different part of the world."

Liam is pictured high up in the Falklands hills after a heli-borne training exercise to deal with some suspected mock aggressors, with both snow-capped peaks above and the South Atlantic below in view.

'Challenge motivates my soldiers'

AN ARMY officer from Deal has been getting to grips with the remote wastes and tough terrain of the Falkland Islands.

Lieutenant Jamie Thomas, 25, son of Steven and Gloria Thomas of Deal, serves as a platoon commander with the 2nd Battalion Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

Jamie attended Cranleigh School before being commissioned last year. Training has included the steamy jungles of Belize, a far cry from the snowy Falklands.

He said: "Although we are now moving towards the Falklands spring, it was the coldest I have ever known it up in the mountains and a real challenge motivating my soldiers, but it does teach us the vital need for teamwork and personal skills to cope in the difficult conditions."

Jamie is pictured at a live firing range deep in the Falklands mountains.

'Really tough but the training's worthwhile'

PRIVATE Luke Docwra, 25, is on security and protection duties 8,000 miles from home.

The son of Nicola Thomas, of Margate, he went to Thanet College then worked as a chef before joining up in 2008.

He has served in Afghanistan and Cyprus, and this year he has taken part in ceremonial duties in London, including the Royal Wedding. In his spare time he enjoys scuba diving and cooking.

Luke said: "The harsh conditions and long distances on foot in the hills have made it really tough but worthwhile training.

"We don't get these kind of training opportunities often, practising our winter skills across such varied and difficult terrain. The Falklands are a challenging environment, in any season."

Luke is pictured at the Mount Pleasant Complex in typical Falklands winter weather.

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News

WILDLIFE

Charity denies putting saved foxes in danger

By Steve Knight
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AN ANIMAL welfare charity has fired back at pro-hunting campaigners who claim the organisation is putting foxes' lives in danger.

The internet-only Fieldsports Channel claims to have footage which proves injured foxes nursed back to health by the Pembury-based Fox Project have been released near a free-range chicken run in woodland near Maidstone.

Presenter Charlie Jacoby says the predators will die as a result of the practice, either through being shot by angry farmers or starvation due to them not knowing how to hunt.

However, Fox Project director Trevor Williams denied the allegations and says footage on the site is of a foster pen that foxes were not released from.

He added: "The Fox Project does not have a release pen in Maidstone, nor do we release where there is vulnerable livestock. It's illogical – why would we invest time and money raising cubs on the bottle only to release them where we might expect them to be shot or snared?

SAVED: Foxes at centre of row

"We do, however, have foster pens situated in the broader area, where cubs are raised remotely by rural householders, farmers and smallholders in order to maintain their wildness prior to transfer to designated release sites.

"These pens can only be reached or seen by someone deliberately trespassing deeply onto private land and not by an innocent dog walker who just happens to have both still and video cameras on his person, and who knows precisely which publications might be interested in the results."

The Fieldsports Channel is a half-hour weekly internet show about hunting, shooting and fishing in Britain.

Earlier this year TV property expert Phil Spencer, from Littlebourne, near Canterbury, was branded a "bloodthirsty killer" for shooting a deer in front of the website's cameras.

Mr Jacoby said instances of foxes being released near livestock happen "over and over again" in the countryside.

He added: "Releasing foxes in the countryside is nuts; releasing them next to a free-range chicken run is dangerously idiotic; and feeding them on dog food before you do so is just plain cruel.

"It's not a nice thing to say, but there are lots of foxes. Our responsibility to pets is to the individual pet, but with foxes we are talking about wildlife.

"Our responsibility to wildlife is to the whole species, and foxes do not need restocking."

■ **For news and sport see www.yourmaidstone.co.uk.**

RIOTS

Internet porn root of riots, says MP

INTERNET pornography has been blamed for contributing to the "moral erosion" that caused last month's riots.

Sittingbourne and Sheppey Conservative MP Gordon Henderson said unrestricted access to the web and a lack of parental responsibility had created an "everything is free" mentality among a minority of young people.

The grandfather-of-seven is member of a cross-party group which last week announced the launch of a Parliamentary inquiry into online child protection.

He said: "The danger of the internet is the slow seeping of access to porn images that slowly erodes the moral fibre of young people, which in turn adds to social problems.

"Much of what we saw with the rioting and looting was due to a breakdown in morality.

"Easy access to the internet just reinforces the message everything's free and you never have to work for anything."

Mr Henderson added parents also needed to take more responsibility in monitoring their children's internet activity.

The inquiry will take evidence from parents, child protection experts, internet gurus, and bosses of Britain's largest internet providers. The group will report its findings to Government in November.

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Hop across the Channel for a property bargain

DESPITE the worldwide economic uncertainty, recent figures suggest the British dream of moving abroad is still very much alive and kicking.

According to the latest report from Rightmove Overseas, during the month of July searches for overseas properties by Brits topped the two million mark for the first time in the property portal's history.

And our neighbours across the Channel still enjoy huge popularity, with three spots in the report's top-10 climbers being taken by France: Aude, Calvados and Hérault enjoyed large hikes in their searches of 52.51 per cent, 52.02 per cent and 47.10 per cent respectively.

And, although the huge gulf in British and French property prices may have narrowed slightly in the past decade, your money will still go a lot further in France.

According to UK property search website www.home.co.uk, in the month of May the average selling price of houses in Kent was £234,742, with a detached house costing, on average, £374,653.

This contrasts starkly with the average price of a resale home in France, which currently stands at €163,000 (at the current exchange rate of €1.13 to the pound, this is equivalent to around £143,440).

So, looking at French property website, www.francepropertyshop.com, there are some fantastic propositions across the Channel for the price of the average property in Kent (around €264,953). In ever-popular Brittany, you could get a six-bed renovated property with more than 14 acres of land, stables, garage and a barn. Even in the sun-kissed region of Languedoc-Roussillon, €257,000 would get you a four-bed villa with a pool.

Anne Mizrachi, of property agent Latitudes, says of French property: "It is a buyer's market: lots of properties are on offer and prices are more down to earth, there is also the possibility to negotiate."

So, if you're thinking of embarking on a life in France, you could be perfectly placed to pick up a bargain before prices start rising again. A great place to start your journey would be the French Property Exhibition on September 23-25 at London's Olympia.

At the exhibition, visitors can speak with, and draw on the expertise of property, financial and legal professionals who have an in-depth knowledge of France. There will also be seminars on subjects such as the buying process, tax, healthcare and pensions.

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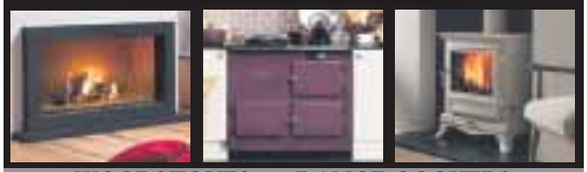
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COMPETITION

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NEED inspiration for your big day? Look no further – The Wedding Show takes place next month and it's packed full of ideas for anyone who's looking to tie the knot.

Taking place in the picturesque surroundings of Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, the event is staged over the weekend of October 15-16 and hosted by TV and theatre sensation Claire Sweeney.

And you can be there – for free – with our great ticket giveaway.

We have 10 pairs of tickets for the event, which promises to be the perfect inspiration for couples.

Held in a luxurious 2,850 square foot grand marquee in the grounds of the beautiful castle, the two-day events gives visitors the chance to view the latest creations, accessories, services and meet all the experts who will help them choose the perfect outfit and ensure their big day runs smoothly.

There will be more than 100 exhibitors, a champagne bar, coffee bar, restaurant, entertainment stage, competitions, goody bags, VIPs, and four spectacular, fully choreographed, catwalk shows.

These will feature wondrous collections of exquisite bridal designs, couture ladies' fashions, lingerie, and men's attire.

The shows are co-ordinated and choreographed by the team from Catwalkers, which specialises in creating that special wow factor.

And to give the show star quality, Claire Sweeney will host the event. The celebrity is best known for her TV work in the likes of Brookside, Celebrity Big Brother, Loose Women and Strictly Come Dancing – as well as starring in top musicals too.

She said: "I am delighted to be hosting The Wedding Show and look forward to meeting you there."

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RELIGION

Schoolchildren haven't got a prayer

By Steve Knight
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PRAYERS, hymns and parables have long been a staple of English school life no matter how religious the schoolchildren or their parents actually are.

Yet according to new research, almost two-thirds of pupils do not attend a daily act of collective worship as Government legislation requires.

The BBC study also reveals that 60 per cent of people are not in favour of enforcing the law to ensure young people continue to receive regular messages from the Bible.

Director of education at the Diocese of Canterbury, the Reverend Nigel Genders, said that it would be a mistake to do away with religion in schools entirely.

He said: "In a Church of England school, the worship and the coming together of pupils and staff is a means of underpinning the values of Christianity and of telling the stories those beliefs are based on.

"I would argue that those values are strong enough for the whole community, and not just church schools. You can't force anyone to worship but what we would encourage is a period of time to reflect on the meaning of life, on other people and of the universe.

"Children who have a broader understanding of the world often do better than those who focus solely on curriculum subjects like English and maths.

"People should have the opportunity to be exposed to other views and understand what in our country has been a long heritage of Christian tradition that we have built on."

According to the study – carried out by the research and polling organisation ComRes – families without children in the household (39 per cent) feel more strongly than those with children (30 per cent) that the requirement for a daily act of worship in schools should be enforced.

Older people are also more likely to want it enforced, with 51 per cent of over-65s compared to just 29 per cent of 18-24-year-olds.

Ian Bauckham,head teacher of Bennett Memorial Diocesan School in Tunbridge Wells, told the BBC he thought the law was out of date as schools had neither the time nor the space to hold daily acts of collective worship.

But he added: "It would be completely wrong to say 'let's get rid of them altogether because they don't fit our modern world'. That would be misguided and would be like throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

"You also have to recognise that people who work in schools have found a lot of subtle and sensitive ways to respond to people's backgrounds.

"I don't think many would be so crass as to give lots of prayers in a school where the majority come from different backgrounds.

"That would just be stupid."

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POLITICS

Education chief steps down

KENT County Council's cabinet member for education – Cllr Sarah Hohler – has resigned after two years in the job.

In a letter to the county's headteachers, Cllr Hohler explained that she felt it was "sensible" for the authority to introduce new political leadership to support the incoming corporate director of education, learning and skills, Patrick Leeson.

She added that the demands of the job were making it increasingly difficult for her to enjoy her life away from the role.

Cllr Hohler, who will continue to represent the Malling North ward at county hall, has been replaced by her former deputy, Cllr Mike Whiting.

GOODBYE: Cllr Sarah Hohler

She said: "This is the right time to move on. We have successfully established a new education, learning and skills directorate following our decision to separate education from children's social care.

"A new senior management structure is being put in place to support the new director who joins us in a few weeks' time. It seems to me to be sensible that we take the opportunity to introduce new political leadership to work alongside the officer team as our education services enter the next phase of their development.

"The education field has been moving at a rapid pace both locally and nationally with the creation of new academies, changes to the funding schemes, reviews to the curriculum and the way performance is recorded and the need to find significant financial savings.

"The demands upon my time have therefore been steadily rising and I have found it increasingly difficult to find the time to do the things I enjoy outside the world of education.

"I am delighted the leader (Cllr Paul Carter) has appointed Mike Whiting to succeed me in this role and I wish him well. He brings youth and energy to the role and has worked well with me as my deputy this year."

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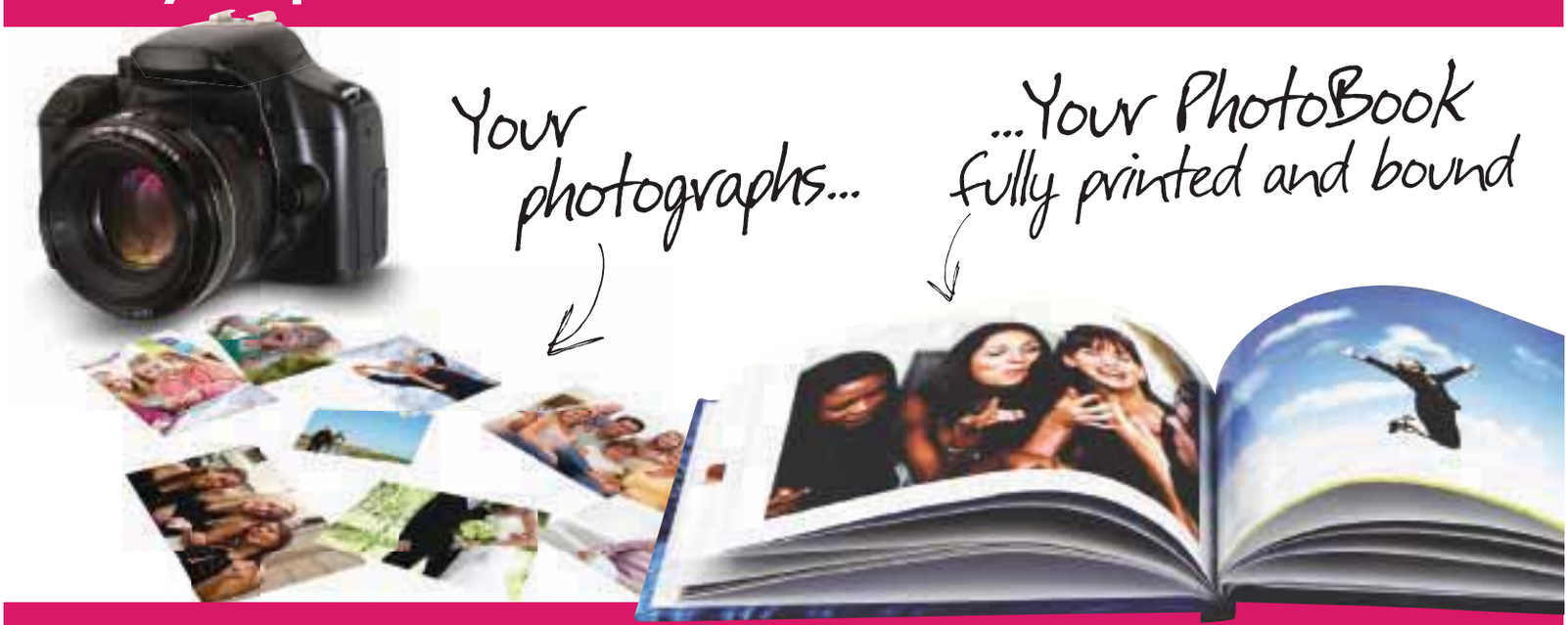

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VILLAGE COMPETITION

Kent Village of the Year winner to be named

KENT Village of the Year winners have been chosen and entrants have been invited to the awards evening at Dunkirk Village Hall on October 13.

There are 12 applications, with five from Ashford, two from Medway and one each from Canterbury, Maidstone, Shepway, Swale and Tunbridge Wells.

The competition is organised by Action with Communities in Rural Kent, and sponsored by the Kent County Agricultural Society and Kent Men of the Trees. A Kent Village of the Year will be chosen and will hold the title for one year.

CRIME

Man bailed after lager was stolen from lorry

A 46-year-old man from London has been bailed by Kent Police following a theft of more than 400 cans of lager from a lorry on the A249.

The theft happened on Friday, September 9, when a lorry was parked on the Maidstone-bound side of the A249, Detling Hill, was broken into and cases of lager were loaded onto another vehicle.

The vehicle was later stopped on the M2, heading towards London, and the lager recovered.

A from Canning Town, was arrested on suspicion of theft from a motor vehicle has been bailed to return on October 20.

COMPETITION

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The doubles is sure to produce some scintillating shot-making as well as great fun and will, as always, be led by the inimitable Mansour Bahrami.

We have three pairs of tickets to be won of the afternoon session on Wednesday, November 30.

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OPINION

Building up a bleak future

The countryside and greenbelt are under threat from the Government's new planning framework proposals, argues Protect Kent's Jamie Weir

THE National Planning Policy Framework: A developers' dream and a conservationists' nightmare.

I'd imagine that none of you will have read the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

If you have a spare few hours and don't mind reading fairly large and dry documents, then I'd advocate working your way through it, because to be quite honest if you read it first-hand I have no doubt the document itself will put more of a compelling case against the NPPF than I ever could by simply telling you about its contents.

This is a document that is not grounded in the planning system, nor has any real care or respect for the countryside.

It is essentially a message from the Chancellor George Osborne that developers have carte blanche to coat our beautiful landscapes in concrete.

By moving to a planning system that is significantly weaker than our current one, and which resembles that of Greece and Ireland, are we really expected to believe it is going to help the economy and environment of our nation?

I'll let you answer that question for yourself.

This document is going to be incredibly damaging to our countryside in many ways.

It will require local authorities in Kent and across the country to allocate significantly more land for housing than is actually necessary.

In places such as Tunbridge Wells, the planning minister Greg Clark's own constituency, this will likely require the local authority to either build on greenbelt land, or otherwise 'redraw' these boundaries.

There are already ominous rumblings that this may happen in a number of places within Kent.

However, whilst the greenbelt is likely to suffer, much of CPRE Protect Kent's concern is grounded in the fact that 'ordinary' unprotected countryside will be excessively threatened by this new planning document.

This is due to the proposed presumption in favour of "sustainable" development.

This essentially means that local authorities will be required to ensure their plans are focused on economic development with little regard to whether the consequences will be sustainable or appropriate.

Where a local plan is "absent, silent, indeterminate or... out of date" they will be expected to grant planning permission.

George Osborne recently said that the "default answer to development is 'yes'" and the NPPF will require that this principle holds true regardless of how damaging the proposal is.

This will decimate much of our historic landscape for little or even no gain

While many developers and the National Home Builders Federation will argue that the NPPF will help with the housing crisis, it will not.

This is simply because banks aren't lending currently, and not because the market is under-supplied.

The National Planning Policy Framework will simply lead to the decimation of many of our beautiful, historic and cherished landscapes for very little and potentially no gain, and this is why we must oppose it with all of our resources.

After all, the last time an industry (banking) was insufficiently regulated it led to one of the worst economic melt downs in history.

Next time it could be worse.

Please help us keep Kent beautiful by emailing your MP from this link:

http://bit.ly/nV3Vhz.

■ **Jamie Weir is the events manager at Protect Kent.**

KOS COMMENT

MP musical chairs is not a game for voters

WHILE many MPs welcome the planned reduction in Parliamentary seats, it would be wrong to assume their constituents feel the same way.

A number of Kent politicians have served their communities for several years – one for almost 40 – so the shifting of electoral wards from one place to the other is bound to have an impact.

It will be fascinating to see how voters respond to these forced changes come the next general election.

Will family shame fuel comic's hatred?

BACK in 2008, comedian Alan Carr claimed the people of Maidstone were sexist, racist and homophobic.

While it is unknown if his views are any different today, his return to the county town for the filming of Who Do You Think You Are? gave him yet another reason to dislike the place.

Because of all the places to receive proof his great-grandfather was a war deserter, Maidstone was it. It might be while before there's another visit.

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Sign animal export petition

The National Farmers Union claims animals exported for slaughter are well treated.

Why then are the RSPCA and Compassion in World Farming, as well as the majority of the public, calling for an end to this trade? Because it is barbaric and should never have been allowed to resume. These animals can go without food, water or rest for up to 70 hours, only to end up being brutally slaughtered abroad.

Slavery and child labour were allowed by law not much more than 150 years ago in this country. People were enslaved because of the colour of their skin and children as young as six were sent down the mines or worked 12 or 14 hours a day in factories.

The arguments to defend these abominations were similar to those used today to try to justify the cruel exploitation of animals, such as the live exports. "It would be bad for the economy to stop; it would put people out of work; they are treated well, etc".

Yet slavery and child labour eventually became illegal. And so must the live exportation of animals. Not just from Ramsgate, but from everywhere.

It is not about animals being cuddly as the NFU spokesman says, it is about stopping the terrible suffering they endure when exported live for slaughter. So please everyone, sign the online petition now and help reach the 100,000 signatures, enabling the subject to be debated in the House of Commons as quickly as possible.

Vivien Clifford, by email

We need real leadership

While understanding RE Tucker's sentiments, getting rid of Cameron's excuse for his inaction, ie, the Liberals, will make little difference (Letters, September 4).

Weak, wet, Cameron, the self-confessed Blair number two, is running true to form, large on committing our troops to yet more foreign adventures and small on carrying out his election promises.

Still nothing on the EU, on immigration and the ever-increasing quangos.

Just one quangocrat's salary would keep 10 families, pay for 10 teachers, 10 nurses, or fund our troops who are being culled at the moment.

We need a leader with guts and vision, who cares about us and this country. Not useless, brainless, time-serving career politicians, whose only ability is to continue petty and pointless arguments over trivia.

We need somebody like Nigel Farrage. The truth glows in him like a beacon and he's got the guts to stand up for it.

Let's have a general election and turf out the deadlegs ruining this country, ignoring what we want them to do and feathering their nests.

Phil Granger, West Malling

MPs – stop the health bill

An open letter to MPs Julian Brazier and Roger Gale.

At the annual meeting of our forum last week, much concern was expressed in regard to the Health and Social Care Bill which is making its way through Parliament.

We wish to express our deep concern about your government's proposals in regard to so many aspects of this bill, and your support for it.

Five hundred GPs have signed a petition for the bill to be withdrawn, and the medical practitioners union said it is wrong when David Cameron says health service professionals were "right behind" the so called "reforms". The BMA, the Royal College of Nursing, the Royal College of Midwives, and many health care professionals also oppose the bill.

The changes to the bill have left it more complex, more costly and less likely to help the NHS meet the financial and service challenges it faces.

The Government's reasons for a re-organisation of the NHS, and claims the NHS is failing, and that its health outcomes are worse than comparable countries need to be challenged. These claims have been refuted by people both in and outside the NHS.

The Government denies the NHS changes are about privatisation but the majority of the bill is concerned with increasing competition within healthcare, opening up the NHS to competition law and enabling "any qualified provider" to bid for contracts.

Many of the providers looking to get contracts are private companies, including several from the USA.

Already a number of commissioning groups have outsourced local commissioning to US companies, and just today we read the Department of Health is considering handing over the running of up to 20 hospitals to overseas companies.

Also, many of those advising the Government represent private health interests.

Private health companies will be able to take new NHS commissioning groups to court if they don't win contracts. Scarce public money could be tied up in legal wrangles instead of hospital beds. Meanwhile, the legislation lifts the cap on NHS hospitals filling beds with private patients.

All of this supports the argument being made by the BMA and many others that the bill aims to change the NHS to "a market-based healthcare system similar to that operating in the USA". If this is the case, it would be a tragedy for us.

Administrative costs in the US system are seven per cent, double that in the NHS. If we follow them down the road of a market in healthcare with increasing involvement of the private sector it will deliver less healthcare and cost us more as a nation.

Improvements in healthcare are constantly needed, this has never been in question; but the NHS is capable of delivering such improvements and therefore it is hard to understand why such a radical reorganisation to the NHS is even being contemplated.

Bearing in mind the concern across the country at the aims of this bill, we ask you to reconsider your support for it.

Anne Belworthy
Chair Canterbury and District Pensioners' Forum

Speak up on your NHS care

In this time of sweeping changes to health services, members of the Concern for Health in East Kent (CHEK) committee have recently met under chairman David Shortt.

CHEK was established in 1999, representing public involvement in health matters. While some services were lost, it successfully campaigned to stop the downgrading of the Kent and Canterbury hospital to the proposed 46-bedded care of the elderly and minor injuries unit.

CHEK committee is aware of public concern surrounding the possible permanent loss of births taking place in both the Canterbury and Dover midwifery-led birthing centres. It encourages the public to attend the Maternity Choices meeting at the Business School at the University of Kent on September 23, from 7-9pm.

The public is also encouraged to attend the AGM of the East Kent Hospitals' University NHS Foundation Trust on September 27, at 6pm in the Harris Room at the Kent County Cricket Club. At this meeting there will be the opportunity for questions to be asked of the Trust Board.

CHEK would like to know, preferably by email, of highly valued local health service provision that could be under threat of change. These includ increases in waiting times and access to services both in hospital and the community.

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Confusion over the index-linked choice

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Q I HAD intended to invest in index-linked National Savings certificates, which you recommended, but on the Post Office website I found there are two different schemes. One is for three years and the other is for five years. I could invest in either, so which offers the best return?

A Confusing, isn't it? And to add to the confusion, neither of the two schemes you found is the one that I recommended recently – though I am sure lots of people will assume that because the Post Office is involved, the two index-linked investments must be backed by National Savings. So, here are the headline rates of return. The five-year bond from the Post Office will pay you the rate of inflation as measured by the retail prices index (RPI), plus an annual 1.5pc. The three-year bond is the same except that the annual top-up is 0.5pc. National Savings index-linked certificates run for five years and are linked to the RPI, and their annual top-up is also 0.5pc. So, on the face of it, the five-year investment with the Post Office is streets ahead. It has the same index-linking as National Savings, but offers 1pc more than the National Savings top-up. However, this is not the whole picture. The bonds being marketed by the Post Office actually come from the Bank of Ireland and like any other bank investment, interest is taxable. But National Savings certificates come from the Government and the return is completely tax-free. This makes a huge difference if you are a taxpayer. For example, let's suppose inflation is 5pc, you invest £10,000, and you pay tax at the basic rate. The Post Office bonds would pay you a total of 6.5pc, or £650, less tax of £130, leaving you with £520. The National Savings certificates, on the other hand, would pay you only £550 – but you would keep the lot and lose nothing to the taxman. So, if you pay tax, choose National Savings.

Q MY SON goes to university in a few years. I have an endowment policy that matures next year that I can put towards his fees. Please advise me on the best savings account to earn some interest until the money is needed, and on the best way to earmark it so it would not be part of my estate for inheritance tax, while not simply gifting the money to my son and risking it being used for other purposes.

A WHAT you would like is to separate yourself from the money for tax purposes, yet retain control over it. A trust fund might achieve some of this, but legal costs would probably outweigh the gains. Or you could give the money to a trusted friend, with a nod and a wink to say you rely on them to see your son right. But suppose they disappear, or die and leave your money to someone else? Either way, there is a tax problem. If you make a major gift, you need to survive for seven years. Die sooner, and it still counts as yours for inheritance tax. As your son goes to university just a few years from now, you are already too late to beat this seven-year rule. Keeping the cash yourself will be far simpler. You could take out a small life insurance policy to cover inheritance tax, if that is a serious worry. Nobody can predict next year's best savings account today, but if interest rates are still low, you could even consider premium bonds. Money would be easily accessible whenever fees are due, and you (or your son) might even strike it lucky.

Q I HAVE a small pension pot from a previous job, and now I am now self-employed, I would like to use this to kick-start a self-invested personal pension (Sipp) plan, but charges look awfully high.

A CHARGES for Sipps vary enormously. Consider Alliance Trust (www.alliancetrustsavings.co.uk) or Hargreaves Lansdown (www.hl.co.uk). Both are at the cheap end of the market and ideal for modest sums.

Q MY PARTNER and I applied for a mortgage to buy a leasehold flat, but were refused as the lease has only 60 years left. Do all banks have the same policy?

A THE flat would be security for the loan and as the lease gets closer to running out, the lender's security becomes worth less. That is why lenders are wary of short leases. As a rough guide, anything under about 70 years is hard to mortgage. A local mortgage broker may find you something. Alternatively, see if the freeholder might sell some extra years to add to the lease and then try again for a mortgage.

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ON THE ROAD TO SAVINGS: Heating oil is expected to cost more for people who wait until the winter

Buy now before heating oil prices rise

PEOPLE who use heating oil to warm their homes and their water supply have been given a pre-winter warning to buy before prices rise.

They have also been reminded of other tactics to reduce the cost of their next tank of oil, the price of which has shot up in the past few years.

Households which rely on heating oil, often in rural areas, can join a group buying oil club to put pressure on suppliers to bring their prices down in return for a sizable order.

But the key step is to stock up in late summer or early autumn when prices tend to be lower and when suppliers are better able to deliver more quickly.

Around 1.5 million UK households use heating oil as their primary source of heat, making it the most commonly used source of off-grid energy for heating homes.

Gillian Guy, chief executive at Citizens Advice, said: "With the double hazard of another harsh winter predicted and the soaring cost of heating oil, we are concerned at the number of people we see who are anxious about staying warm through the freezing winter months, as many can't afford the high costs of heating bills.

"Our evidence suggests the best way for people living off-grid to get the best deal is to buy as early as possible, and join a collective purchase initiative like an oil club."

Pension fears of today's employees

By Ed Foss
MyMoney 24 writer

PENSIONS confusion has led people into a "crisis of confidence" as they consider their retirements.

Employees are deeply concerned about the future, with only two out of five feeling they are doing enough to prepare financially for their retirement. Confidence about retirement prospects is lowest amongst the 21 to 45-year age group, according to research by Mercer.

Asked if their organisations were doing enough to help them prepare for retirement, only 35pc declared themselves satisfied, with the remainder either unsatisfied or unsure.

Jenny Condron, a partner at Mercer, said: "Concern about retirement is fuelled in part by media attention on pensions in the private and public sector and a raft of other social and financial pressures facing employers and employees.

"Our report findings are interesting, yet contradictory. On the one hand, employees are happy with their company-provided plans yet they lack confidence about their own readiness. This may be related to age and financial education."

Senior managers are much more confident they are doing enough to prepare for their retirement compared with non-management staff.

Senior management is also more likely to express satisfaction with company pension plans compared with non-management, and more likely to agree employers are doing enough to help them prepare for retirement.

"There may also be age-related factors at play here," said Mrs Condron.

"Younger employees are far less likely to feel secure about their retirement or to know what might be needed compared with older employees who have years of preparation behind them.

"Historically, people have tended to underestimate how much they need to save for retirement while overestimating what their pension plans will provide in real terms. Our report suggests that this optimism is ebbing. For employers, this lack of confidence should be addressed. Companies should communicate the excellent work that they do to support their staff in their retirement.

"Without this, businesses get too little value for their, often material, pension spend."

Ray Chinn, head of pensions at LV=, said: "Where possible, people should make as much provision for retirement as they can, through their own pension savings or other investments.

"Those who will be impacted by the changes and do have their own pensions savings should consider taking financial advice to ensure they can maximise their retirement income and make up any shortfall in state pension, which could include options such as enhanced annuities, income drawdown or equity release."

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Bank's lending clinics have clear message: we're open for business

By Nick Ames
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COMPANIES should not be afraid to ask banks to borrow cash according to representatives from Barclays who say they are "open for business".

The bank is holding a consultation and advice session on Wednesday with members of the workforce from Pfizers who have been laid off, as well as offering help for entrepreneurs who want to obtain finance at its Gravesend branch on Monday, October 24, and in Ashford at the North Street Management Suite three days later.

Across the UK Barclays lent around £7 billion in the last year and the company say four out of every five requests for loans are approved, with the major reason for refusal insufficient guarantee that repayment schedules can be met.

Ria Barlabas is head of Barclays Business for the South East.

She said: "What we are looking for from businesses which need finance is as simple as a sound business plan, which indicates to us it is a viable concern. Across the UK we want to support small and medium enterprises. We are empathic and we understand their needs.

"There is a perception the banks are not lending money and we want to change that.

"For instance, recently there was an off-the-cuff remark from a presenter on a prime time television show who said 'banks don't lend'.

"But that is simply is not true. We are open for business. We are a bank so we are about lending money."

Barclays is encouraging customers to attend its lending clinics which involve giving advice on what businesses need to prepare when they ask for money as well as finding out their specific needs.

Barlabas said: "Although four out of five requests for loans are granted the doors are not closed to those we refuse. We will sit down and explain exactly why the request was turned down. The person can then go away and think again and we actively encourage them to re-apply once their plan has been amended."

Jason Small is responsible for businesses specifically based in Kent and is working on the Pfizers seminar.

He said: "There were a lot of people with extremely valuable skills employed by that company.

"We hope that our help and advice on such things as setting up on their own will enable that talent to remain in the area, which will obviously be of great benefit to the local economy.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP: Barclays' Ria Barlabas and Jason Small say firms should not be afraid to ask to borrow money

RETAIL

TK Maxx occupies last unit at Bouverie Place

AROUND 400 people queued up in Bouverie Place Shopping Centre, Folkestone, last week to visit the mall's latest store.

Fashion store TK Maxx opened its doors at 9am with £10 gift vouchers for the first 500 people through the doors. Its opening means every unit in the town centre mall is now occupied.

The centre already has a number of fashion stores including Primark, Next and New Look.

Folkestone has seen an increase in shoppers since the centre opened its doors and it has escaped the criticism of large out-of-town complexes – that they take trade away from the towns themselves.

Paul Stone, centre manager at Bouverie Place Shopping Centre said: "We are delighted to welcome TK Maxx to Bouverie Place, they provide a fantastic addition to the shopping centre.

"The opening was a great success with visitors queuing as far as Sandgate Road to get their first look in the new store."

FRANCHISE

Leaving job in the City not such a Barking Mad idea for winner Sally

SALLY Hall has celebrated her first year in business by being named the Barking Mad Newcomer of the Year.

Barking Mad offers an alter-native for dog owners who can't put their dog into kennels when they go away. It is a franchise business which was started in the Lake District by Lee Dancy who couldn't find care for her own dog.

Hall said: "We provide a home-from-home environment by arranging for customers' dogs to stay with carefully selected dog-loving host families who enjoy having dogs come to stay with them for short holidays. We provide a bespoke and professional service. I visit customers in their own homes so I can meet their dog and collect as much information as I can about the dog's routine and habits.

"I then match the dog with a suitable host family and collect the dog from its owner and deliver it to the host family.

"I cover Maidstone, Medway and Sittingbourne and have registered more than 80 dogs in my first 12 months. I worked in the City for more than 20 years and wanted to do something close to my heart."

MANUFACTURING

Industry experts offer free hands-on advice

THE MANUFACTURING Advisory Service (MAS) South East is offering any Kent business involved with manufacturing production or assembly access to a free review with one of its experienced industry specialists who understands the issues affecting today's manufacturers.

The two-hour review will involve a hands-on assessment and diagnostic of the business, highlighting areas of opportunity and actions that can be implemented in order to improve operational performance.

David Caddle, programme manager for MAS South East, said: "More often than not, it just takes a fresh pair of eyes to re-focus a company. Our specialists provide impartial advice and approach every business without prejudice, meaning there are no 'sacred cows', so we can really get to the heart of an issue.

"Our whole ethos is about not just solving a problem and walking away, but about delivering sustainable improvements and changes that can be continued and developed once we've left."

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INVESTMENT

Bank deal just the ticket for growing holiday firm

A MULTI-MILLION-POUND deal to help expand the Holiday Extras Group has been concluded by Clydesdale Bank in Kent, a move the company says is challenging the perception that well managed businesses are struggling to secure funding.

Holiday Extras Group, the Hythe-based company and number one pre-booked airport hotels and airport parking business in the UK has secured a £17.5 million revolving credit facility and a £7.5m bonding and guarantee facility to support its continued growth.

The company, which employs 400 people, with 300 of them based at the Holiday Extras head office, has a turnover of £200m.

Cathy Beare, group chief financial officer, said: "This deal, and the support we have received on an on-going basis from Clydesdale Bank, reinforces our belief that for well-run and well-managed businesses, there are supportive banks out there.

"The team at Clydesdale Bank, thoroughly understand our business and have been an integral part of Holiday Extras' success. The deal was pulled together swiftly and professionally, with everybody working late into the night.

Paul Saunders, managing partner at Clydesdale Bank's financial solutions centre in Maidstone, said: "Our relationship with the management team of Holiday Extras, led by Gavin Coleman, goes back to 2005 when it was one of the first major deals negotiated by the Kent team.

"The company has grown and increased employment throughout the recession and is now perfectly placed to benefit from the economic upturn."

The facilities were negotiated as part of Clydesdale Bank's Investing For Growth initiative and its commitment to lending £10 billion of new finance to UK business and mortgage customers by October 2011.

CHARITY

Entrepreneur joins stars to judge charity calendar

MAIDSTONE businesswoman Louise Morrison is joining celebrity TV presenter Emma Forbes and ITV's This Morning's agony aunt Denise Robertson to judge a national competition.

Louise launched Antenatal Online this year and the business is sponsoring the 2012 Beautiful Bumps calendar which will raise money for stillbirth charity Count The Kicks.

She will help choose the images to be used in the calendar from thousands of photographic competition entries which was judged in London on Tuesday.

Louise, who has a three-year-old daughter, Evie, said: "Antenatal Online helps parents prepare for pregnancy, labour, birth and the first weeks as a new parent.

"We wholly support the Count The Kicks charity which was set up by a mum who experienced a stillbirth.

"While I was inspired to launch my business because of my very positive birth experience, Count The Kicks founder Sophia Mason was inspired to launch her charity because of her very tragic experience of birth.

"Being aware of what to expect in pregnancy and birth can help allay fears and Count the Kicks promotes awareness of the risks of the later stages of pregnancy and signs to look out for, as do our videos."

Law expert is excited by prestigious new role

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JONATHAN Smithers, from CooperBurnett in Tunbridge Wells, has been named as chairman of the Conveyancing and Land Law Committee (CLLC) of the Law Society, a role he assumed on the opening day of September this year.

The CLLC has a wide ranging remit centred around the review and promotion of improvements in all branches of land law and conveyancing procedure, as well providing practical assistance and guidance to the profession.

The Committee also responds to consultation documents from outside bodies, such as the Government and the Land Registry.

"I am very excited about my new role and the opportunity it will give me to contribute towards the development of conveyancing practice during the three years of my appointment," said Smithers.

"The Conveyancing and Land Law Committee is one of the most important policy committees at the Law Society, as the work it undertakes is relevant to the overwhelming majority of solicitors' practices."

Property law continues to develop and the liberalisation of the legal market in the coming years is likely to mean more competition, so the CLLC has an important role to play in making sure solicitors are able to provide the best possible service to their clients.

The Conveyancing Quality Scheme (CQS), launched earlier in the year by the Law Society, has provided practitioners with an opportunity to demonstrate expertise. The Committee has played a central role in production of the documentation for the scheme and continues to provide advice as the scheme progresses.

The CLLC includes a senior member of the Land Registry.

"The Land Registry has gone through huge changes in the last few years, so our ability to talk directly to them and have an input into development of their policy, helps not only our members but also our clients," Smithers said.

"We are frequently consulted and asked to provide expert advice on new legislation.

"Currently, for example, we are talking to the Government about the potential impact of the changes in the planning regime contained in the Localism Bill."

DECISION-MAKER: Jonathan Smithers, new chairman of the Conveyancing and Land Law Committee

DEAL-BREAKER: Free wi-fi service important

Survey highlights benefits of providing free internet access

THE average person spends 10 hours a day being connected to the internet, results from a Plusnet Business survey have revealed.

The study demonstrates how the demand for Internet access has increased, with just over one in 10 of those in Kent who took part saying that they need it to be able to update people should anything happen.

Small businesses need to take note of the fact that just over half of respondents in Kent said that internet access, provided by businesses, is needed in public areas. More than a third of said that having access to wi-fi is a deal-breaker when deciding on a hotel, showing how much this can affect a business's bottom line.

This study by the broadband supplier has uncovered how much of an impact a decent wi-fi connection for customer use can bring to many sectors, with almost a fifth across the UK saying they will purposely choose a restaurant, bar, pub and shopping centre over one without it.

Talking about the survey Nick Silverwood, head of business at Plusnet, said: "Through the survey we can see that installing something as simple as free wi-fi for customers can help generate repeat custom and definition within a market.

"With increased competition in the hospitality and retail markets, it's important for small businesses to understand how investing in customer broadband has the potential to really boost sales."

Government decision to relax equity-raising regulations may help cash-strapped SMEs

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THE relaxation of equity-raising regulations will help cash-strapped SMEs, according to a leading local corporate finance adviser.

Geert Struyven, corporate finance partner at Crowe Clark Whitehill, a leading national firm offering audit, tax and business advisory services with offices in Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone, said the amendments would be of huge benefit to Kent companies.

Until recently, if a company wished to raise more than 2.5 million euros (£2.17m) through offering its securities for sale to potential investors, or wished to raise a lower amount but from a pool of more than 100 investors, it had to issue a prospectus in a form approved by the Financial Services Authority (FSA).

Production of such a prospectus is a costly and time-consuming process and led to many SMEs, put-off by the potential costs and time involved, capping their fundraising activities at the 2.5m euro limit.

In a move to stimulate growth, the Government has now doubled the fundraising threshold for a prospectus to be required, taking the ceiling to five million euros, and also increased the number of investors to whom an offer of securities may be made before such a document is required from 100m to 150m euros.

Mr Struyven said: "These changes are particularly good news for SMEs, who should now be able to access greater amounts of equity finance more cheaply and effectively, and without necessarily having to consider a quotation on a public market such as AIM.

"Companies looking to raise between 2.5m-5m euros will still have to produce documentation that is verified by their legal advisers and approved by an FSA authorised firm, such as Crowe Clark Whitehill, but the cost of producing such documentation should be significantly lower than that of producing a prospectus."

BENEFICIAL: Corporate finance adviser Geert Struyven says the changes will benefit SMEs

CHARITY

Businesses' gala night to aid victims of riots

COMPANIES in south-east London are joining forces to help other businesses in local communities affected by last month's riots.

Business network group, BNI South East London, which represents almost 300 small and medium-sized businesses in the area, is holding a gala dinner to raise money for victims of the riots.

The event, which is open for anybody to attend, is being held at The Warren in Hayes, Bromley, on Thursday, September 29.

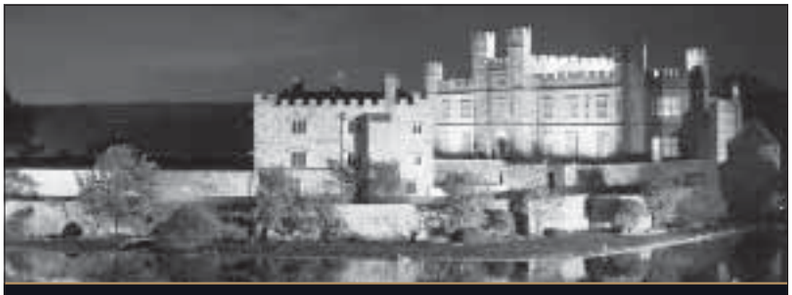
The evening includes a three-course dinner, special guest speakers, music and entertainment. There will be an auction and raffle with all proceeds going directly to those worst affected.

Adèle McLay, managing area director of BNI SE London said: "The whole country witnessed the horrific events in London in August, and the devastation it caused businesses and the community as a whole. All our members are business men and women and they were very keen to find a way to help other local businesses who have suffered hardship."

Paul Young, of Millers Electrical in Anerley, is the director of the BNI group in Beckenham and responsible for organising the event.

He said: "It promises to be a fantastic night and we are delighted to be able to support people in the community who have been affected. The philosophy of BNI is 'givers gain', meaning those who give will benefit in return –this is the perfect opportunity for us to give generously."

■ **Tickets are £45 (plus a booking fee) and can be bought online at www.bnicharityevent.eventbrite.com.**



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Project Search finds employment answer

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A WORK programme aimed at easing students with learning disabilities into employment has celebrated the graduations of its first cohort.

The Project Search scheme combines classroom learning with work-based training and is run by Kent County Council's Kent Supported Employment team in partnership with Thanet College and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

The programme is aimed at 18-25-year-olds with learning disabilities and is based at the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (QEQM) Hospital in Margate, where the youngsters learn skills in a wide range of different job roles.

"We've had a successful first year and the programme has worked tremendously well," said Kathy Melling, employment development manager at Kent County Council.

"To witness the personal growth of these young people has been fantastic, and you wouldn't recognise them from when the course began. The graduation ceremony was very emotional and it was a box-of-tissues day for us all.

"A lot of people with learning disabilities have very low aspirations so it's our job to tell them they will actually succeed in life. Having that sort of belief has actually helped changed them as people."

The Project Search programme was completed by 11 young people, three of whom moved straight into a new job. The rest have all made significant improvements and will continue to receive support until they find employment.

One of the graduates is a young autistic man named Aaron, who chose to stop talking when he was a child and uttered his first words in years as a result of his time on the course. He now acts as a spokesperson for the group.

Another named Elizabeth has Down's syndrome and although she has not yet found employment, she can travel independently for the first time and has much higher aspirations about what she will achieve in life.

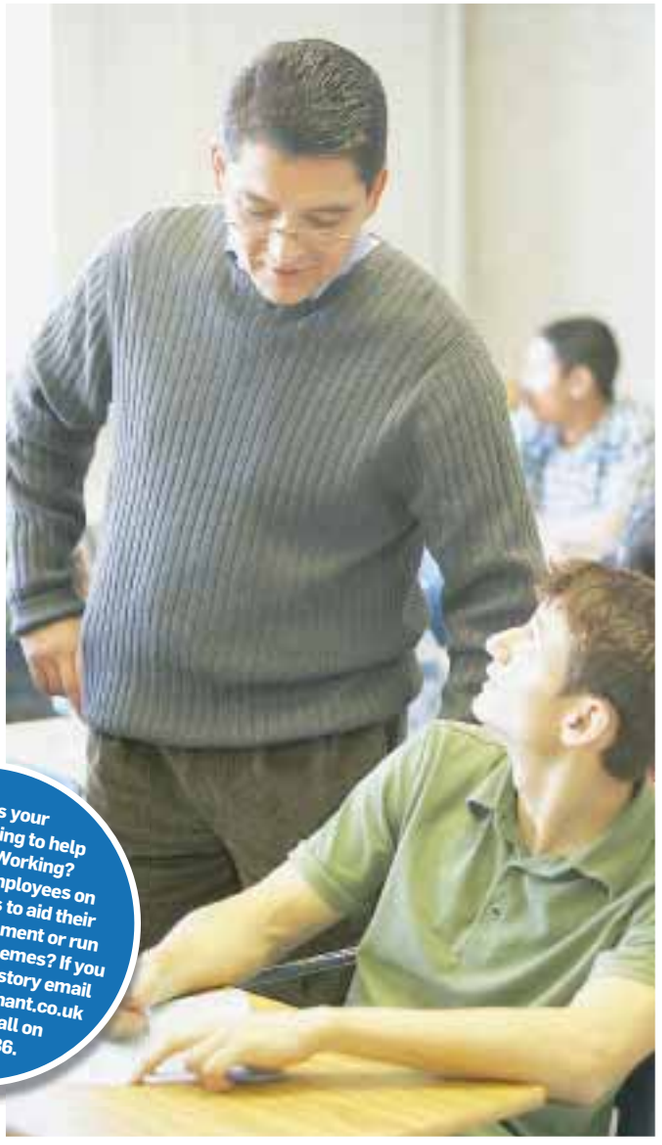
Thanet College's additional learning support manager Jo Campbell said: "We have a large cohort of people with learning difficulties in the Thanet area, and people come to the college from other areas in south Kent primarily because over the years we have developed some very successful and innovative training programmes for them.

"But everyone has to be treated individually because people have their own needs and interests. Although the Project Search programme has proven very successful nationally, it's just one way of supporting people with learning difficulties and will not be suitable for everyone.

"Not everyone with a learning disability necessarily wants to work. Many just want to be able to live independently."

There are currently 14 Project Search sites in the UK, and between them they have supported more than 25 young people with learning disabilities into work.

What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email steve.knight@archant.co.uk or give him a call on 01303 817136.



HELP: Project Search combines classroom learning with work-based training

Port welcomes young engineers

MORE than 30 students paid a visit to the Port of Dover to find out more about civil engineering.

The young people are all employees of Tony Gee and Partners, which has an office in Ashford, and were invited to the port to find out more about its expansion and upgrade plans.

"It was a pleasure to host a visit for such a large group of enthusiastic young engineers who were able to experience first-hand the management of marine and civil engineering projects in an intense operational environment," said head of engineering development Nigel Bodell.

"They were able to view the general aspects of port layout design, and it offered an ideal opportunity to explain a number of exciting and innovative future developments in Europe's busiest ro-ro port."

Tony Gee's training manager Gareth Drought added: "To enable our budding engineers the opportunity to experience first-hand the operations at Dover was beneficial in many ways. We are extremely grateful to the team for offering our students a glimpse into this fascinating world."

President selects personal projects

THE incoming president of the Institution of Civil Engineers has chosen a Whitstable woman to become one of six personal apprentices.

Lydia Walpole, 24, will work closely with Richard Coackley throughout his presidential term to observe how an influential figure in the industry operates.

She said: "I am delighted to have been selected for such a prestigious role and look forward to learning more about the workings of the ICE.

"I am currently working on the construction of the new Crossrail station at Bond Street, which is an exciting project for any young engineer. I love every aspect of my job and hope to use my role to excite and inspire young people to join the profession."

Lydia, who works for Costain, will have individual and group mentoring sessions with Mr Coackley and be involved in his initiatives throughout the year.

Mr Coackley said: "I'm looking forward to hearing their views on the many challenges facing the world today."

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Campaigning students' union earns fourth accolade in as many years

CANTERBURY College's students' union has been named one of the best three in the country for the fourth year running.

It came in second at the National Union of Students' awards ceremony at Leeds University, having come first, third and second in the previous three years.

Students' union president Harry Fox said: "It's such a great achievement to be recognised by the NUS for the fourth year in a row.

"The students work really hard to make sure our voice is heard both at college and in the community."

The union's achievements over the past year include obtaining cheaper student travel to the college, improving counselling and peer mentoring services, and launching a new student magazine.

NUS judges made mention of the range of campaigns and activities the union has run, and the impact they have made on college life.

Lut Stewart, director of student support services, said: "Being nominated for four consecutive years recognises the continued inspirational, visible and active commitment to valuing all learners by the students' union."

Meanwhile, union manager Tony Payne also picked up a separate prize for 'outstanding contribution to the leadership of learners'.

Harry Potter designer to attend Anifest

Picture: WARNER BROS/DOUBLE NEGATIVE

TALENT: Samy Fecih brought this dragon to life for the latest Harry Potter movie blockbuster

A TECHNICAL wizard who helped bring the final Harry Potter films to life will speak at next month's Canterbury Anifest.

Samy Fecih, who worked as a CGI animator on both Deathly Hallows blockbusters, has been invited to attend the film festival by the University for the Creative Arts.

The event will be held at Canterbury Christ Church University's Augustine's House from September 30 to October 1.

Samy, who works for the Oscar-winning visual effects house Double Negative, said: "I'm really looking forward to speaking at Anifest with UCA. I'm a big animation fan myself so I'm as excited as everyone else to be there.

"My talk will be about my job animating the dragon on the latest Harry Potter movie. I will go into depth about my research, which took me to bats, camels and komodo dragons, and how we gave life to her.

"I want people to understand that being a good animator is not about knowing the best programmes or being technically brilliant, but more about focusing on the character; giving life to it and understanding how it moves, talks and breathes."

Samy will deliver his talk at noon on Saturday, October 1, after which he will also give his input into an 'imagineering masterclass' run by UCA Rochester's CG arts and animation course.

Senior lecturer Phil Gomm said: "We're really excited to be involved with Anifest again.

"Our masterclass will offer participants a unique insight into the essential role of concept art and 2D sketching skills that go into the design and execution of computer-generated imagery.

"They'll get to meet members of the course team and get a taster of what it might be like to study a subject they love with us at UCA Rochester.

"The introduction of higher tuition fees nationally means it's never been more important for degree courses to demonstrate the ways in which they connect with their associated industries and enrich their local communities."

Employment scheme offers ray of hope to Armed Forces personnel

ARMED Forces personnel set to lose their jobs as a result of Government spending cuts have been offered a helping hand into alternative employment.

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) is launching a special package to support service leavers in working towards professional qualifications.

Armed Forces development manager Tricia Johnson said: "We wanted to get involved and help those in our Armed Forces who are facing redundancy in their resettlement to civilian life and to recognise the debt society owes them.

"Through this special discounted membership package we will support engineers, IT professionals and technicians and help them gain a professional qualification such as chartered engineer, incorporated engineer, engineering technician or ICT technician.

"This will greatly assist them in finding employment as it provides external recognition of the transferable skills they have achieved."

As part of the package, service leavers will also have access to the IET's training courses and support from its benevolent fund, as well as networking, mentoring and job opportunities. The IET has a long-standing agreement with the Career Transition Partnership, which helps about 15,000 service leavers every year.

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*"We would like to say a huge thank you. Jack came to you less than a year ago with all C grades at AS. He now has A*AB in his A levels with a place confirmed at Warwick. We are absolutely delighted – as is he! It is particularly special for us because we met there – and got places with lower grades!"*
Dr Carrie Weston, parent of Jack, formerly of Gravesend Boys Grammar.

RIC students are celebrating places at some of the UK's top universities including three at Cambridge. Star performers include those who transferred to RIC after disappointing results elsewhere and retakers.

Aspiring vet Amelia Liddell, formerly of King's Canterbury has a place at The Royal Veterinary College. Her 2011 RIC classmates included Asha Chohan who has a place at Aston for Optometry and Louisa Garcia, from King's Rochester who will study History of Art at Birmingham

There were 14 A*s in Maths this year at RIC. Amongst those who won the top grade were Jean Michel Hurst from Cooling. He is going to Imperial to read Physics alongside Tom Parsons, formerly of Oakwood Park Grammar, who has opted for Computer Science. Guy Booth who studied A levels at RIC after GCSEs at Gad's Hill has a place for Physics at Exeter. Four of RIC's star students have places at Nottingham University. Tim Turvey formerly of TWGSB will read Mechanical Engineering. Seb Lundberg who transferred from Colfe's will study Theology. Vicky Piper who came to RIC from Epsom College has chosen Philosophy and Sophie Dunk from Gravesend Grammar, Zoology.

"This is just to say a very big 'thank you' to all of my son's tutors for your superb guidance, expert management of the application for Law, unfailing kindness, patience and brilliant teaching. You taught him to think properly, to write clearly and fulfilled every promise you made to us."
Judith Wickham, parent of Alistair, formerly Invicta Grammar.

"We are delighted with Roshni's results and her place to study Medicine at St George's. This is our second daughter to attend Rochester Independent College. Our older daughter Sarina is in her final year of Dentistry at Queen Mary."
Mr and Mrs Patel, parent of Roshni, formerly Gravesend Grammar.

THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

RIC scooped two Good Schools Guide awards for our record breaking English A level results - the best point score of any independent school in the UK.

Amazing grades, great memories

Cecelia Johnson, like so many 16 year olds across Kent, was anxiously awaiting her GCSE results this year. Uniquely however, her results were as much a landmark in the history of her school as they were important to her. While RIC students have been winning top GCSE and A level results since 1984, they have traditionally joined the Star Hill College for short intensive courses. Cecelia is the first pupil to take her GCSEs at RIC after joining at the age of 11 in Year 7.

Cecelia is celebrating 12 top GCSE results, including double A* success in English and English Literature which she is continuing at A level in RIC's sixth form, alongside Fine Art, History of Art and Sociology. Cecelia says: *"I love it here and can't imagine being at school anywhere else."*

While Cecelia was the pioneer, RIC is now a first choice, non selective alternative for children in year 7. They come to us at the age of 11 from a wide variety of educational backgrounds. Some have always been in private education and join direct from prep. Others are from local primary schools. Some have passed the 11+ but choose RIC. Some have narrowly missed a grammar school place, others have opted not to take the test altogether.

For all, we offer a happy and lively atmosphere where academic success follows naturally from students being settled in their environment and engaged by enthusiastic and talented teachers. We are small enough to get to know everyone very well but large enough for good friendship groups to be formed. All class sizes are small, the average being 8.

While RIC students have ventured in the past as far as Thailand on student exchanges, 2011 saw our first trip south of the equator. A dozen of our intrepid Lower Sixth students put their long summer break to good use on an African adventure they raised the money to fund. The students travelled and trekked through Malawi and Zambia, doing community volunteer work and learning how to live and work together.

One of the most exciting extra curricular contributions comes from the Duke of Edinburgh award and involves students from Year 9 upwards, through the Lower and Middle Schools into the Sixth Form.

As well as trips locally and to Wales and Scotland students have been involved in volunteering and conservation projects. They participate in sports and music, and are currently creating an outdoor classroom. This has involved investment and partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust, giving students the opportunity to work with adults from external agencies and establish a project that will encourage wildlife, have long-term conservation value, and benefit current and future students at the College.

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Peter Read, Kent Independent Education Advice

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"RIC is such a friendly place. My teachers are great and they make the lessons really interesting. There is much more discussion and practical work which is fun. It's informal but we still get lots of work done. I love being in the labs particularly when we do experiments. I want to be a GP when I grow up, working with patients and helping them." Caitlin, year 7, joined RIC from King's Rochester.

The first free schools are opening their doors for the start of term this week. RIC has been offering a great education and a world of difference from intimidatingly large, factory-model secondary schools since 1984.

Student needs are more clearly recognised and focused upon in a smaller school setting. In class sizes that average 8, pupils prosper. A smaller school size allows more opportunity for our teachers to work closely together and share information. It allows us to provide an unparalleled level of feedback to parents in regular email reports. We focus on ensuring the children who join us are happy and supported towards academic success and personal confidence.

We don't put them through the ordeal of the 11+ or an entrance exam, believing everyone is capable of succeeding in the right environment. The expectation is that all will grow in confidence and self esteem, do well academically and have great memories of school life.

Children at RIC benefit from what Ofsted describes as, *"outstanding spiritual, moral and cultural development."* They enjoy a colourful range of sports and clubs. Music, Art, Film and Drama, both in and out of the classroom, give a creative buzz. They perform well at GCSE but do not take an unnecessary number of exams. No one needs 16 GCSEs - half that number in the right subjects is good enough for the best universities.

RIC students aim high, work hard and behave well but are not hot housed, unduly pressured or inappropriately accelerated. As the momentum in Kent seems to be moving towards a 'bigger is best' approach and many schools are merging to create monster sized academies we are determined to continue demonstrating that small schools work best for many years to come.

"The teaching at Rochester is rigorous and tailored to the best possible exam results. It offers a broad education, combining its original focus on getting students into competitive courses such as medicine and dentistry with a new emphasis on the creative arts."

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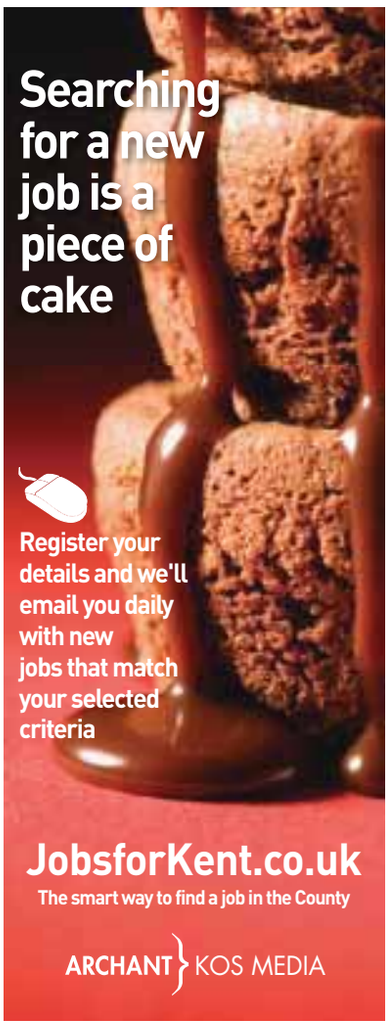

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Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/11/1132/N - 76-78 COLLEGE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6SJ - Change of use of building from B1 offices to C3 residential for the creation of a single dwelling with elevational alterations. **Reason: 9**

MA/11/1209/S - 3, CHURCH STREET, TESTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 5AJ - An application for listed building consent for the demolition and replacement of single storey rear extension. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1210/S - 3, CHURCH STREET, TESTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 5AJ - Demolition and replacement of single storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1348/N - 26-32, WELL ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1XL - Application to vary condition 9 of planning permission MA/10/1844 (Erection of a Class A1 Retail food store with associated parking and servicing) to allow deliveries on Sundays for a 2 hour period prior to opening and a 3 hour period after closing. **Reason: 6**

MA/11/1352/S - WIERTON HALL FARM, EAST HALL HILL, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4JU - Retrospective application for the change of use of existing farm yard and buildings to be used for storage and maintenance of agricultural vehicles and machinery in connection with a forestry business. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1360/N - 9-10, ROYAL STAR ARCADE, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1JL - Change of use from Class A1 Retail Use to use as a Wine Bar (Class A4). **Reason: 2**

MA/11/1367/S - WARES FARM PACKHOUSE, REDWALL LANE, LINTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4BB - Erection of extension to existing building to provide ancillary storage and loading bay for the existing packhouse. **Reason: 6**

MA/11/1394/S - THE BARN, GRANARY FIELDS, COLLIER STREET, TONBRIDGE, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RR - Redevelopment of Piggery Building for Class B1 office use including extensions and incresaed ridge height. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

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Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: **18th September 2011**

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/02611/HOUSE **Middle Coach House The Green, Benenden**
- Single storey extension, two storey extension and installation of two additional rooflights in existing roof (LB) (CA)

11/02493/LBC **Sladen House Wines 27 High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed building consent - facade works to front elevation of property, removal of existing blind and fascia and installation of new dutch style canopy (LB)

11/02599/HOUSE **Garden House Brooksden, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Balcony to rear first floor lounge (CA)

11/02548/FUL **20 - 26 Grosvenor Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- External alterations to facilitate new shop front (CA)

11/02629/LBC **Tunbridge Wells Railway Station Vale Road, Culverden**
- Listed Building Consent: Removal and replacement of existing cycle shelters/toast racks; corduroy paving and DDA compliant handrails to existing stairs; resurfacing of existing footbridge; reconfiguration of parking spaces; refurbishment of booking hall and waiting room; deep cleaning and refreshment of kitchen and store room (LB)

11/02326/FULMJ **Bedgebury Pinetum Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Reconfiguration of layout to increase parking capacity from 250 spaces to 431, and introduction of substantial elements of soft landscaping; Installation of new pay on exit system comprising entry and exit barriers and a paypoint; Installation of new signage within car park (MAJOR)

11/02564/HOUSE **4 Marlpits Curtisden Green Lane, Goudhurst**
- Two storey side extension, detached garage and change of use of land to residential garden (LB)

11/02666/FUL **Etchinghill Farmyard Gore Lane, Goudhurst**
- Demolition of existing buildings and erection of timber framed dwelling - revision to application TW/11/ 01131 for Mr And Mrs S Taurins (DEVPLN)

11/02690/HOUSE **Priors Heath Oast Priors Heath, Goudhurst**
- Single storey rear extension and related alterations (LB)

11/02692/LBC **Priors Heath Oast Priors Heath, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Single storey rear extension and related alterations (LB)

11/02413/FUL **47 High Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Alteration of rainwater disposal to side elevation (CA)

11/02466/FUL **15 Madeira Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Re-modelling and re-landscaping private rear garden. Change of use of strip of land to rear of property to residential garden (CA)

11/02286/HOUSE **Carnanton Camden Park, Park**
- Replacement of two windows to front elevation and two windows to rear elevation (CA)

11/02655/FULMJ **7 Calverley Park Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Extension of time: Alterations and extensions to building and conversion from 6 flats and 6 bedsits to 14 self-contained dwellings (revised scheme) (TW/08/02048 refers) (CA) (MAJOR)

11/02425/FUL **37 Hastings Road Pembury, Pembury- Retrospective**
- Replace gravel driveway with concrete hardstanding (CA)

11/02426/FUL **37 Hastings Road Pembury, Pembury- Retrospective**
- Demolition of existing outbuildings and sheds and construction of masonry storage shed (CA)

11/02621/HOUSE **Calvert Cottage 7 Modest Corner, Southborough North**
- Retrospective - Treehouse (CA)

11/02648/HOUSE **Oaken Leaves Southfields, Speldhurst**
- Demolition of single storey extensions and replace with a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

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Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 17 September 2011

Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//11/01096/FUL: Land east of Woodside House, London Road, Harbledown Erection of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr L Lockhart** Reason: Contrary to development plan and conservation area
CA//11/01295/FUL: 14 Fountain Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HA Single-storey side extension to dwelling. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Bartlette** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01345/FUL: Rose Cottage, Bolts Hill, Chartham, CT4 7LD Demolition of existing conservatory and first-floor extension, construction of a two-storey extension to side and rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Dr A Hone** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01371/FUL: Land adjacent to Coppins, Fleets Lane, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9NA Installation of solar panel array in field. **Applicant: Eternal Energy Systems Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01389/ADV: Canterbury Van Service, Herb Farm, Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, CT2 0PR Internally illuminated free-standing sign. **Applicant: Canterbury Van Service** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01436/FUL: 51-59 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AP First and second floor (roof) extensions to create two two-bedroom flats, external alterations to front and rear elevations and provision of refuse storage area. **Applicant: Wisprole Investments Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01457/FUL: 87 Cromwell Road, Whitstable, CT5 1NN Painting of exterior brickwork. **Applicant: Mr Turner** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01459/FUL: Charlton Park, Rose Lane, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5JA Single-storey side extension. **Applicant: Mrs G Twigg** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//11/01473/LB: 15 Mercery Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2JJ Internal and external alterations **Applicant: Vatican Hairdressing** Reason: Work to a listed building
CA//11/01482/FUL: 85 Chestfield Road, Chestfield, CT5 3JH Two and single-storey extensions and dormer to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Anthony Franklin** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01485/FUL: 106-108 Mortimer Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5EB Conversion of first and second floor accommodation in number 108 to two self-contained flats with access via number 106. **Applicant: Mr G Hando** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01488/VAR: 19 St Peter's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BQ Variation of condition 03 of planning permission CA/05/0018/CAN relating to opening hours. **Applicant: Mr Patel** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01489/TPO: Honey Wood, near recreation ground of Tyler Hill Memorial Hall, Tyler Hill, Hackington Coppice two trees subject to TPO No 3 1975. **Applicant: Mr D Redmond** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01502/FUL: 96 Station Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5QA Three-storey rear extension to provide two additional self-contained flats. **Applicant: Mr M Epps** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01503/TAM: Land outside 32 St Dunstans Street, Canterbury, CT2 8BZ Installation of equipment cabinet. **Applicant: Harlequin Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//11/01504/FUL: Reculver Caravan Park, Reculver Lane, Herne Bay, CT6 6SU Refurbishment of site including new layout of access roads, relocation of boat compound and car park with the replacement of existing static homes with 130 new static homes. **Applicant: The Camping & Caravanning Club** Reason: Major and conservation area.
CA//11/01513/CAC: 96 Station Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5QA Part demolition of an existing building. **Applicant: Mr M Epps** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA//11/01515/ELE: Overhead line from Wingate House to Willow Down, Wingate Hill, Harbledown, CT2 9AJ Replacement overhead electricity lines. **Applicant: UK Power Networks** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.control@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 10 October 2011**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 16 September 2011

To place your notice here call the Kent Public Notice team on 01303 817044

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/TM/0372/2011 - Proposed development at Land at Sanderson Way, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1SU.

Sheerness Recycling Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the development of a recycled aggregate and topsoil production facility incorporating a primary aggregate, recycled aggregate and topsoil depot.

KCC/TM/0393/2011 - Proposed development at Coldharbour Lane Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Site, Coldharbour Lane, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7NZ.

Kent County Council Gypsy and Traveller Unit is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the provision of 18 new caravan pitches arranged around a new road, and renewal of 8 existing pitches already accommodating 8 traveller families (total 26), semi detached utility blocks, a children's play area, erection of a 3 metre high acoustic barrier adjacent to the A20 London Road, amenity lighting, landscaping and resurfacing of existing access road. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

You may view both these applications at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 18 September 2011

Kent County Council

To place your notice here call the Kent Public Notice team on **01303 817044**

PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

I Yilmaz Kara am applying for a new premises licence at the Medway Wine and Beers, 102 Canterbury Street, Gillingham, Kent. ME7 5UF. My application is made to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent. ME4 4TR. I am applying for the following licensable activities. Sale of alcohol (08:00am – 24:00 hours).

Should you wish to make representations to the council it must be in writing and/or you can view my application by contacting the council on 01634 337107 or 337108 by 03/10/2011.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

LICENSING ACT 2003:
Application for Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that James Matthew Child of 52 Westgate Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8HE has applied to Canterbury City Council for the GRANT of a license to sell alcohol on and off the premises between the hours of 0 9:00 and 22:00 Monday to Saturday and 10:00 to 21:00 on Sundays. Ticketed tastings of wines beers and spirits will be scheduled regularly and there will be tastings of the same available in store on a regular basis. For the premises Wild Ferment situated at 21 The Borough, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2DL.

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/licensing or at Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1YW Tel. 01227 862000 by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to submit representations to my application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 03/10/2011.

The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. In the case of an application for a provisional statement, please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Kent Life, Lock Lane, Sandling, Maidstone**
Applicant: **Emily Hirons**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 SECTION 53

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

The Kent County Council
(Public Footpath AE239A at Hastingleigh)
Definitive Map Modification Order 2010
and will attend at:

Evington Village Hall, Hastingleigh, Ashford, Kent, TN25 5HR

On Wednesday 19 October 2011 at 10.00am

To hold a public local inquiry into the Order

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications will be to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by downgrading to Public Footpath status that part of Public Bridleway AE239 at Kingsmill Down Farm Hastingleigh commencing from its junction with the Public Road known as Kingsmill Down (U11380) grid reference TR 1054 4405 and running in a north westerly direction for 270 metres, to its junction with the unaffected length of Public Bridleway AE239 at Grid Reference TR 1046 4429. As shown between the points A and B on the Order Plan.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at the Countryside Access Service Team, Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX Tel: (01622) 221511 during normal office hours.

Planning Inspectorate Reference: FPS/W2275/7/60

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate:
Clive Richards, Room 4/05, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay,Bristol BS1 6PN.
Tel: 0117 372 8626
Email: clive.richards@pins.gsi.gov.uk

On 5 August 2011 Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered KM290 which commences at NGR TQ 7831 4437 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a north westerly direction for 110 metres to NGR TQ 7822 4445 (Point C). Public Footpath KM290 then turns west and runs for 42 metres to NGR TQ 7818 4446 (Point B). Between Points A-C-B on the Order Plan; and will add a new length of Public Footpath numbered KM290 with a width of 2 metres which commences at NGR TQ 7831 4437 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a north westerly direction for 147 metres to NGR TQ 7818 4446 (Point B). Between Points A-B on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 22 August 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 18 September 2011, make an application to the High Court.

PROW - BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH KM290 (PART) STAPLEHURST) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2010

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 18th September 2011

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(MOATFIELD MEADOW, ASHFORD)
(PUFFIN CROSSING)
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

(FORESTALL MEADOW & MOATFIELD MEADOW)
(CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO CYCLE TRACK)
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
AS AMENDED BY THE CYCLE TRACKS ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to convert the existing pedestrian refuge to a Puffin Crossing on Moatfield Meadow, 110 metres north east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Forestall Meadow; and

Under Section 1 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 and Sections 65 and 66 (1) of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, intends to convert a footway to a cycle track of the type as described in column 1 of schedule 1 hereto, at the location described in column 2 of the same schedule.

As part of the expansion plans to an existing major store in the town it is essential to provide safe facilities for pedestrians and cyclists within the area. The proposed Puffin Crossing will be used by an increased number of school children and shoppers using the store and other nearby facilities and a high population from the surrounding residential housing estates.

The features of a Puffin Crossing include facilities to cancel pedestrian demands when they cross in the gaps in traffic and to allow for varying clearance times after the pedestrian green signal, to allow for slow pedestrians without harassment from drivers. The pedestrians in the area would therefore benefit from the introduction of a Puffin Crossing to assist with the high pedestrian movement throughout the area

Copies of the plan showing this proposal an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, and at Ashford Borough Council Offices, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.

Anyone wishing to support, or object to the proposed extension to the existing cycle route should write to Mrs Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B1189600" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 10th October 2011.

Schedule 1

(Conversion of Footway to Cycle Track)

Column 1	Column 2
Type of Cycle Track	Location
Shared Segregated:	Forestall Meadow, on the north eastern side:
	from a point 65 metres south east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Romney Marsh Road (A2042) south eastwards to a point 45 metres north west of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Moatfield Meadow.
	from a point 42.5 metres north west of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Moatfield Meadow south eastwards, for its remaining length
	Moatfield Meadow, on the north western side from the mid point of its roundabout junction with Forestall Meadow north eastwards, for a distance of 40 metres.
Shared Un-segregated:	from a point 45 metres north west of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Moatfield Meadow south eastwards, for a distance of 2.5 metres.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

MARINE PARADE, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public whilst building works are carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting waiting on Marine Parade, Whitstable as shown below, on or after 19 September 2011 for up to 1 year or until the works have been completed.

The section of Marine Parade affected is on the north side opposite properties 39 to 42·43, for a distance of approximately 70 metres, as denoted by a single yellow line.

Waiting is prohibited from Monday to Friday between 7.30 am and 5.00 pm.

MILL LANE, BRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of excavations to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill Lane, Bridge, on or after 20 September 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of 1-3 Park View.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Union Road and Western Avenue.

The alternative route is via Union Road, Saxon Road and Western Avenue.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

TEMPLAR STREET, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the use of a mobile crane to replace a communications mast, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Templar Street, Dover, on or after 18 September 2011 between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the gates to the railway line.

There is no alternative route, as the road is a cul-de-sac.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, with emergency access allowed if required.

WESTCOURT LANE, SHEPHERDSWELL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new wastewater connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Westcourt Lane, Shepherdswell, on or after 19 September 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of property no. 62.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Westcourt Downs and Eythorne Road.

The alternative route is via Westcourt Downs, Long Lane, Barfestone Road and Eythorne Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesend

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116

STOPPING UP OF LAND AT ELMFIELD CLOSE, GRAVESEND

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Dartford Magistrates Court on 26th October 2011 at 2pm for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to 34, Elmfield Close, Gravesend as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent Highway Services at Sessions, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund at Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(BOWER LANE & BOWER PLACE, MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
(SUSPEND & INTRODUCE ONE WAY ORDERS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 3rd October 2011 when required for a period of up to 13 weeks or until such works are completed and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name:	Bower Lane, Maidstone
Extent:	A26 Tonbridge Road to Upper Fant Road, in sections: 1.1 Tonbridge Road to Evelyn Road, 1.2 Evelyn Road to Newton Close, 1.3 Newton Close to Upper Fant Road
Diversion:	A26 Tonbridge Road, St Michaels Road, Upper Fant Road
Road Name:	Bower Lane, Maidstone
Extent:	Suspend one way order between A26 Tonbridge Road and Upper Fant Road in the above stages - 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 to allow for access
Road Name:	Bower Lane, Maidstone
Extent:	Introduce one way order northbound between Upper Fant Road and Newton Close
Road Name:	Bower Place, Maidstone - Contingency only
Extent:	A26 Tonbridge Road to Bower Lane
Diversion:	A26 Tonbridge Road, St Michaels Road, Upper Fant Road
Road Name:	Bower Place, Maidstone
Extent:	Suspend one way order between A26 Tonbridge Road and Bower Lane
Road Name:	Upper Fant Road, Maidstone
Extent:	Closure of access from Bower Lane and Bower Place into Upper Fant Road
Diversion:	Bower Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road, St Michaels Road

The purpose of the Order is for gas mains replacement to be undertaken by Southern Gas Networks.

For further information or comment please call John Adsley of Southern Gas Networks on 07774 983419.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

HOLE LANE EDENBRIDGE
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Hole Lane Edenbridge between Guildables Lane and Main Road.

The Order will become effective on 19th September 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 24th September 2011 and last 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Guildables Lane, Swaynesland Road, Dairy Lane and Main Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate road excavation for new electric supply.

LULLINGSTONE LANE, EYNSFORD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Lullingstone Lane, Eynsford 20m either side of bridge.

The Order will become effective on 19th September 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 weeks between 20.00 - 05.30. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate repairs to rail over road bridge.

HIGHWAYS -District of Sevenoaks and Boroughs of Dartford, Gravesham, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone and Tonbridge and Malling

VARIOUS ROADS,
SEVENOAKS/DARTFORD/GRAVESHAM/TUNBRIDGE WELLS/MAIDSTONE & TONBRIGE & MALLING -
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 3rd October and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The dates shown in the schedules are anticipated dates however actual work dates will be displayed by signage on site in advance. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the restrictions are also stated in the attached schedules.

Schedule 1

Sevenoaks

Road Name:	Ash Road, Hartley
Extent:	Between The Warrens and Tates Orchard
Date:	6th October 2011 for 2 nights between 20.00 - 00.00
Diversion:	Ash Road, Hartley Road, B260 Main Road, Fawkham Road, Valley Road, Brands Hatch Road, Fawkham Road, A20 London Road, Ash Lane, South Ash Road, The Street, Ash Road, Chapel Wood Road and Ash Road.
Road Name:	A25 Westerham Road, Chevening
Extent:	Between Westerham Road (minor) and Springshaw Close
Date:	17th October 2011 for 7 nights between 20.00 - 00.00
Diversion:	A25 Worships Hill, A224 Amherst Hill, London Road, Tubbs Hill, London Road, A225 Tonbridge Road, Riverhill, A21 Sevenoaks By-Pass (via Morley's roundabout) and A25 Westerham Road.

Dartford

Road Name:	Princes Road, Dartford
Extent:	The roundabout junction with Green Street Green Road and Park Road
Date:	3rd October 2011 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion:	**For Princes Road into Dartford from Watling Street** - Watling Street, East Hill, Overy Liberty, Market Street and Lowfield Street. **For Princes Road into Dartford from Lowfield Street** - Lowfield Street, Instone Road, Highfield Road, Westgate, Home Gardens, East Hill and Watling Street. **For Green Street Green Road** - Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, Parsonage Lane, Hawley Road and Lowfield Street. **For Park Road** - East Hill, Overy Liberty, Market Street and Lowfield Street
Road Name:	Dartford Heath Roundabout (Old Bexley Lane), Dartford
Extent:	The roundabout, junction with the A2
Date:	10th October 2011 for 6 nights between 22.00 - 05.00
Diversion:	**Phase 1 - Local Diversion** - Oakfield Lane, Heath Lane Upper, Princes Road and Shepherds Lane **Phase 1 - A2 Diversion** - Use the A2 London Bound then exit at the Black Prince junction. Head towards Bexleyheath, cross back across the A2 and exit for the A2 coast bound. Then exit the A2 at the Dartford Heath junction and follow Oakfield Lane, Heath Lane Upper, Princes Road and Shepherds Lane **Phase 2 - Local Diversion** - Oakfield Lane, Heath Lane Upper, Princes Road and Shepherds Lane **Phase 2 - A2 Diversion** - Use the A2 Coast Bound then exit at the Darenth Interchange. Head for the A2 coast bound. Then exit the A2 at the Darenth Interchange junction and follow Princes Road and Shepherds Lane.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

HIGHWAYS

Road Name: Crossways Boulevard, Stone
Extent: The roundabout, junction with Galleon Boulevard
Date: 17th October 2011 for 4 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: St Clements Way, London Road and Cotton Lane.

Road Name: Market Street, Dartford
Extent: From Overy Liberty to outside No.10 Market Street
Date: 31st October 2011 for 4 nights between 20.00 - 02.00
Diversion: Home Gardens, Westgate Road, West Hill, Shepherds Lane, Princes Road and Lowfield Street.

Road Name: Longfield Road, Longfield
Extent: From Manor Road to Melliker Lane
Date: 2nd November 2011 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: A227 Wrotham Road, A2, New Barn Road and Main Road.

Road Name: Shepherds Lane, Dartford
Extent: The roundabout junction with Old Bexley Lane and Rochester Way
Date: 4th November 2011 for 7 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: **Shepherds Lane** - Shepherds Lane, Princes Road, Darenth Interchange, A2 and exit at the Dartford Heath Interchange
Rochester Way - Rochester Way, Swan Lane, Station Road, Crayford Road, Princes Road, Darenth Interchange, A2 and exit at the Dartford Heath Interchange.

Road Name: Lowfield Street, Dartford
Extent: From Instone Road to Heath Street
Date: 26th March 2011 for 4 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: **From Dartford** - Instone Road, Highfield Road South and Princes Road.
Towards Dartford - Princes Road, Heath Lane, Highfield Road, Westgate Road, Home Gardens, Overy Liberty and Market Street.

Gravesham

Road Name: A227 Wrotham Road, Gravesend
Extent: Between A2 on/off slip and The Fairway
Date: 3rd October 2011 for 15 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: **Phase 1: The Fairway to Coldharbour Road** - Coldharbour Road, Earl Road, Perry Street, Pedham Road South, Old Road West, Old Road East, Valley Drive and the A2.
Phase 2: From the A2 up to and including the roundabout at Coldharbour Road - the A2, Valley Drive, Old Road East, Old Road West, Pedham Road South, Perry Street, Earl Road and Coldharbour Road.

Road Name: A227 Wrotham Road and Gravesend Road, Meopham
Extent: Between Willow Walk and Newlands Lane
Date: 20th October 2011 for 11 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: Longfield Road, Main Road, Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, Parsonage Lane, Main Road, Dartford Road, A20 Main Road, A20 Gorse Hill, A20 London Road and A227 Gravesend Road.

Road Name: High Street and The Hill, Northfleet
Extent: Between Factory Road and Dover Road
Date: 23rd October 2011 for 8 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: The Hill, London Road, Thames Way and Stonebridge Road.

Road Name: Old Road East, Gravesend
Extent: Between Windmill Street and Parrock Road
Date: 9th November 2011 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: **From Old Road East** - Parrock Road, Parrock Street, Lord Street and Windmill Street.
From Old Road West - Singlewell Road and Cross Lane East.

Road Name: Darnley Road, Gravesend
Extent: Between Barrack Row and New Road
Date: 7th March 2011 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: Darnley Road, Old Road West, Dover Road East, Dover Road, Thames Way and Overcliffe.

Road Name: Rochester Road, Gravesend
Extent: The roundabout at junction with Dering Way and Old Road East
Date: 18th March 2011 for 8 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion: **To access Gravesend** - A289 Wainscott By Pass, the A2, A227 Wrotham Road, Old Road West
To access Dering Way - Vehicles will need to use the A226 and use Chalk Road and Lower Higham Road. Access will be gained through the works at a safe period of time.
Dering Way and Old Road East will be closed at the roundabout whilst these works take place.

Tunbridge Wells

Road Name: Powdermill Lane, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Between Hilgarth and A26 St Johns Road
Date: 3rd October 2011 for 5 days between 09.30 - 15.00
Diversion: St Johns Road, Yew Tree Road and Powdermill Lane.

Road Name: Bidborough Ridge, Southborough
Extent: Between Darnley Drive and A26 London Road
Date: 21st October 2011 for 1 night between 18.30 - 06.00
Diversion: Darnley Drive, Bounds Oak Way, Birchwood Avenue and A26 London Road.

Road Name: A267 Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Between St Marks Road and Bayham Road
Date: 26th October 2011 for 5 nights between 18.30 - 06.00
Diversion: Frant Road, Bunny Lane, A26 Eridge Road, A26 London Road, A267 Nevill Street and Frant Road.

Road Name: Longfield Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Between Dowding Way Roundabout and Stag Road
Date: 31st October 2011 for 4 nights between 19.00 - 06.00
Diversion: Darnley Drive, Bounds Oak Way, Birchwood Avenue and A26 London Road.

Road Name: Claremont Gardens, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: For its entire length
Date: 5th March 2012 for 1 day between 08.00 - 17.00.

Maidstone

Road Name: A274 Biddenden Road, Headcorn
Extent: From 100m north of New Stone Bridge to 100m south of New Stone Bridge
Date: 1st November 2011 for 4 nights
Diversion: A274 Headcorn Road / North Street, A262 High Street / Sissinghurst Street, A229 Rocks Hill / Cranbrook Road / High Street / Station Road / Maidstone Road / Staplehurst Road / Linton Hill, B2163 Heath Road / Plough Wents Road / A274 Maidstone Road / North Street / Headcorn Road / Maidstone Road / Mill Bank / High Street / Station Road / Wheeler Street.

Road Name: A274 Sutton Road, Maidstone
Extent: Between Gore Court Road and Wallis Avenue (east)
Date: 6th November 2011 for 2 nights
Diversion: A274 Sutton Road, Plough Wents Road, Heath Road, Linton Crossroads, Linton Road, Loose Road, A274 Sutton Road.

Road Name: A249 Sittingbourne Road, Maidstone
Extent: Between Holland Road and Hatherall Road
Date: 7th November 2011 for 6 nights
Diversion: A249 Sittingbourne Road, Penenden Heath Road, Boxley Road, B2012 Holland Road.

Road Name: B2246 Hermitage Lane, Barming
Extent: Between Heath Road and Maidstone Hospital access
Date: 26th February 2012 for 4 nights
Diversion: **Northbound:** B2246 Fountain Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road, A20 Terrace Road / London Road, B2246 Hermitage Lane.
Eastbound: B2246 Hermitage Lane, A20 London Road / Rocky Hill, A26 Tonbridge Road, B2246 Fountain Lane.

Road Name: A229 Linton Hill, Linton
Extent: Between Heath Road and Redwall Lane
Date: 2nd March 2012 for 10 nights
Diversion: A229 Linton Hill / Staplehurst Road / Maidstone Road / Station Road / High Street / Cranbrook Road / Rocks Hill, A262 The Street / Sissinghurst Road / High Street, A274 North Street / Headcorn Road / Biddenden Road / Wheeler Street / Station Road / North Street / Maidstone Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road / Heath Road.

Road Name: A229 Cranbrook Road, Staplehurst
Extent: Between Frittenden Road and Pinnock Lane
Date: 15th March 2012 for 2 nights
Diversion: A229 Cranbrook Road / Rocks Hill, A262 The Street / Sissinghurst Road / High Street, A274 North Street / Headcorn Road / Biddenden Road / Wheeler Street / Station Road / High Street / North Street / Mill Bank / Maidstone Road / Headcorn Road / North Street / Maidstone Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road / Heath Road, A229 Linton Hill / Staplehurst Road / Maidstone Road / Station Road / High Street / Cranbrook Road.

Road Name: A229 Staplehurst Road, Marden
Extent: Between Stilebridge Lane and B2079 Maidstone Road
Date: 19th March 2012 for 2 nights
Diversion: A229 Staplehurst Road / Maidstone Road / Station Road / High Street / Cranbrook Road / Rocks Hill, A262 The Street / Sissinghurst Road / High Street, A274 North Street / Headcorn Road / Biddenden Road / Wheeler Street / Station Road High Street / North Street / Mill Bank / Maidstone Road / Headcorn Road / North Street / Maidstone Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road / Heath Road, A229 Linton Hill.

Road Name: A229 High Street / Station Road, Staplehurst
Extent: Approx 50m on north and south approaches to junction with Headcorn Road / Marden Road
Date: 21st March 2012 for 3 nights
Diversion: A229 High Street / Cranbrook Road / Rocks Hill, A262 The Street / Sissinghurst Road / High Street, A274 North Street / Headcorn Road / Biddenden Road / Wheeler Street / Station Road / High Street / North Street / Mill Bank / Maidstone Road / Headcorn Road / North Street / Maidstone Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road / Heath Road, A229 Linton Hill / Staplehurst Road / Maidstone Road / Station Road.

Road Name: B2012 Holland Road, Maidstone
Extent: Between Wheeler Street and Sittingbourne Road
Date: 26th March 2012 for 4 nights
Diversion: Boxley Road, Penenden Heath Road, A249 Sittingbourne Road.

Tonbridge and Malling

Road Name: A26 Woodgate Way, Tonbridge
Extent: Between A2214 Pembury Road and B2017 Five Oak Green Road
Date: 13th October 2011 for 2 nights between 22.00 - 05.00
Diversion: B2014 Pembury Road, B2260 Quarry Hill Road/Railway Approach, Vale Road, Avenue Du Puy, Sovereign Way, Vale Road, A26 Vale Rise, A26 Woodgate Way.

Road Name: A26 High Street, Hadlow
Extent: Between Carpenters Lane and Court Lane
Date: 12th March 2012 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 05.00
Diversion: A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Vale Road, A26 Woodgate Way, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, a228 Whetsted Road, A228 Branbridges Road, A228 Boyle Way, A228 Sevenmile Lane and A26 Maidstone Road.
The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing works to be undertaken by Kent Highway Services.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

BECKETT ROAD, BROOKLAND
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beckett Road, Brookland, on or after 3 October 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of 'The Limes'.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Harvey Road and Brack Lane.

The alternative route is via Harvey Road, King Street and Brack Lane.

CLIFTON GARDENS, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains renewal, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clifton Gardens, Folkestone, on or after 5 October 2011 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via The Leas, Clifton Road and Sandgate Road.

GREEN LANE, RHODES MINNIS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Green Lane, Rhodes Minnis, on or after 5 October 2011 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Hempsted Lane/Woodland Road and Longage Hill.

The alternative route is via Hempsted Lane, B2068 Stone Street, Mockbeggar and The Minnis.

THE OLD HIGH STREET, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide new services, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Old High Street, Folkestone, on or after 20 September 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Bayle Street and Tontine Street.

There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access for businesses whenever it is safe to do so.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

READING STREET & BALLIOL ROAD, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on Reading Street and Balliol Road, Broadstairs, as shown below, on or after 19 September 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

READING STREET will become one-way, westbound only, between the junctions with Balliol Road and Beacon Road. Eastbound traffic will be diverted via Beacon Road and Balliol Road.

BALLIOL ROAD will become one-way, eastbound only, between the junctions with Beacon Road and Old Green Road.
Westbound traffic will be diverted via Beacon Road and Reading Street

Traffic will be unable to turn left from Old Green Road into Balliol Road.

THANET ROAD, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Thanet Road, Broadstairs, on or after 3 October 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of 13 Albion Street.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Albion Street and Prospect Road.

The alternative route is via Albion Street, High Street, Prospect Place and Thanet Road.

THE VALE, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

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HIGHWAYS

Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Vale, Broadstairs, on or after 20 September 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 11.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Ramsgate Road and St George's Road.

The alternative route is via Ramsgate Road, Gladstone Road, Seafield Road, Osborne Road and The Vale.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(COURT LANE, HADLOW)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Court Lane, Hadlow from A26 High Street to Pierce Mill Lane on or after Wednesday 5th October 2011 between 20:00hrs and 05:00hrs for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A26 High Street/Tonbridge Road/Hadlow Road, Three Elm Lane, Tonbridge Road, Hatches Lane.

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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A268 RYE ROAD, SANDHURST)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on A268 Rye Road between Lomas Lane and Crouch Lane on or after Monday 3rd October 2011 between 20:00hrs and 06:00hrs for a period of up to 2 nights or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Sponden Lane, Mill Street, New Pond Road, B2086 The Street/Benenden Road, A268 High Street/Hastings Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for highway improvements. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Darren Hickman on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(ALDERS ROAD, CAPEL)
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Alders Road outside Dovecote Inn on or after Monday 19th September 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via B2017 Five Oak Green Road/Badsell Road, A228 Maidstone Road.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for the provision of a new telegraph pole. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Rachel Cross on 08700 500792.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (NO RIGHT TURN)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Saturday 24th September 2011 when required for a period of up to 18 weeks or until such works are complete (excluding 5th December 2011 to 6th January 2012) and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name:	Ferndale, Tunbridge Wells
Extent:	Sandrock Road for 60m east
Diversion:	Ferndale, Sandhurst Road, A264 Pembury Road, Sandrock Road
Road Name:	Carlton Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent:	Sandrock road for 20m south
Diversion:	Calverley Park Gardens, Calverley Road, Lansdowne Road
Road Name:	St James Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent:	Prohibit southbound traffic from Beulah Road to Sandrock Road
Diversion:	Beulah Road, Camden Road, Calverley Road, Lansdowne Road
Road Name:	Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent:	Prohibit right turn from Sandrock Road into St James Road
Diversion:	Lansdowne Road, Calverley Road, Camden Road, Albion Road, St James Road

The purpose of the Order is for gas mains replacement to be undertaken by Southern Gas Networks.

For further information or comment please call John Adsley of Southern Gas Networks on 07774 983419.

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BIRTHS

CHAPMAN
Kelly Barnes and Nick Chapman celebrate the birth of their son Kenzie-Lee Chapman on 30th August 2011.

DIPROSE
Ryan and Katie would like to thank God for the birth of their beautiful son Harvey born on 1st September 2011. Love you always Mummy and Daddy xx

GREEN
Welcome to the world, Jessica Maddison Green, born on 20th August 2011 weighing 5lbs 7.5oz. Daughter to Cary Green, sister to Ryan Green.

KIRBY
George Henry Kirby born on the 2nd September 2011, weighing 8lbs 7oz. Brother to Harry, proud parents Ben and Suzie of Yalding.

RIBY
Lauren and Daniel celebrate the birth of their son Connor George Kenneth Riby on 2nd September 2011.

THEOBALD
Catherine Garlick and James Theobald announce the birth of their daughter Chloe Grace Theobald on 20th August 2011.

THOMAS-BROWNE
Tyler-Lee born on 27th August 2011, weighing 8lbs 15oz. Son to Estelle Thomas and Jack Browne in Maidstone.

DEATHS

MOOREY
Iris Moorey, taken 26th August but reunited with her husband Tom after 30 years of being without him. Nan you will be missed by us all, but always in our thoughts. You were a great mum, mother-in-law, nan, great nan and friend. Love you always xxxxxxxx

SALMON
Madge Salmon passed away on 1st September 2011 peacefully at Barty House. The funeral took place on 16th September. Sadly missed by family and friends.

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Walkers will want to bring their camera on this exploration

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Kent Weekend

He bangs the drum

Ethan Maltby sets the stage alive with his latest show

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THE INTERVIEW

Drumchasers

BEAT IT: The cast of Ethan Maltby's new stage show Drumchasers, where two ancient tribes battle it out through the sound of drumming

Composer's fantasy land beats to a different drum

Joe Bill meets Ethan Maltby, whose new show is about to hit the stage

"WE HAVE a celebrity-obsessed culture in which anyone who has been on television should be paid attention. The theatre market is being swamped with these D-list celebrities who were runners-up on X Factor and are now starring in the West End in Grease. Getting people to see brand-new shows is hard."

So says renowned British composer and director Ethan Maltby, who brings his new musical stage show to his home county of Kent looking to storm a very competitive market.

The 35-year-old is well known around the UK for his previous touring percussion show Noise Ensemble and he is now about to unleash Drumchasers on the world.

He said: "There is not anything out there quite like it. It is kind of like a musical without singing, but drums instead. It's basically a 10-piece percussion ensemble playing, but it has a story with characters set in another world.

"It is slightly fantasy-based, but there is no dialogue. It features an ancient battle between two tribes of warring Drumchasers, which are this other worldly race of characters who only live to drum."

Maltby has also pulled off quite a coup by enlisting the services of a famous actor and comedian to voice a four-minute back story played during the musical.

He said: "This is not a huge production – it's independent, so I thought wouldn't it be great to get someone to read the narration and give it more credibility.

"People like to go to things that they can relate to. No one has ever heard of Drumchasers and no one has ever heard of me. Which is why we are really lucky Stephen Fry took pity on us for a very small amount of money and agreed to do it.

"There is something about Stephen's voice in this fantasy world that works really well."

The Canterbury-based composer studied at Christ Church University, where he came up with his breakthrough musical Noise Ensemble in 2004.

The show went on to play UK venues including the Southbank Centre and Wembley Stadium and on BBC's Blue Peter as well as touring in Europe and Asia.

He said: "I was teaching percussion at Christ Church after I graduated with a degree in film. Through this I was running a percussion ensemble, so my interest was both story and visually based as well as musically based.

"We put together a group to do a show in the Canterbury Festival in 2000, and I developed that idea into a show which I wrote from scratch, called Noise Ensemble. That ended up touring for five years.

"I was approached to put Noise Ensemble on again, but I felt it was lacking a story. People enjoyed the percussion, but they didn't have a connection on stage and people like to be told a story and like to be moved and like to laugh.

"So that's why I came up with this world."

And Maltby believes the new concept has all the ingredients to become a West End mainstay, possibly dislodging other percussion shows like Stomp.

He said: "The only dialogue is the four minutes of Stephen's back story, so in terms of international market anyone could come and see it and understand what's going on.

"Hopefully this tour will bring more people in and take the show from strength to strength."

Maltby is also working on several other projects, including composing the score for a new feature film.

He has also previously completed stints on Channel Four documentary Waste Man as well as composing the players' 'walk on' anthems in the 2008 and 2009 FA Cup finals with his track FA Overture.

Drumchasers begins its 15-date UK autumn tour on Tuesday, September 20, when it comes to The Orchard Theatre at Dartford. It then heads to Canterbury and the new Marlowe theatre.

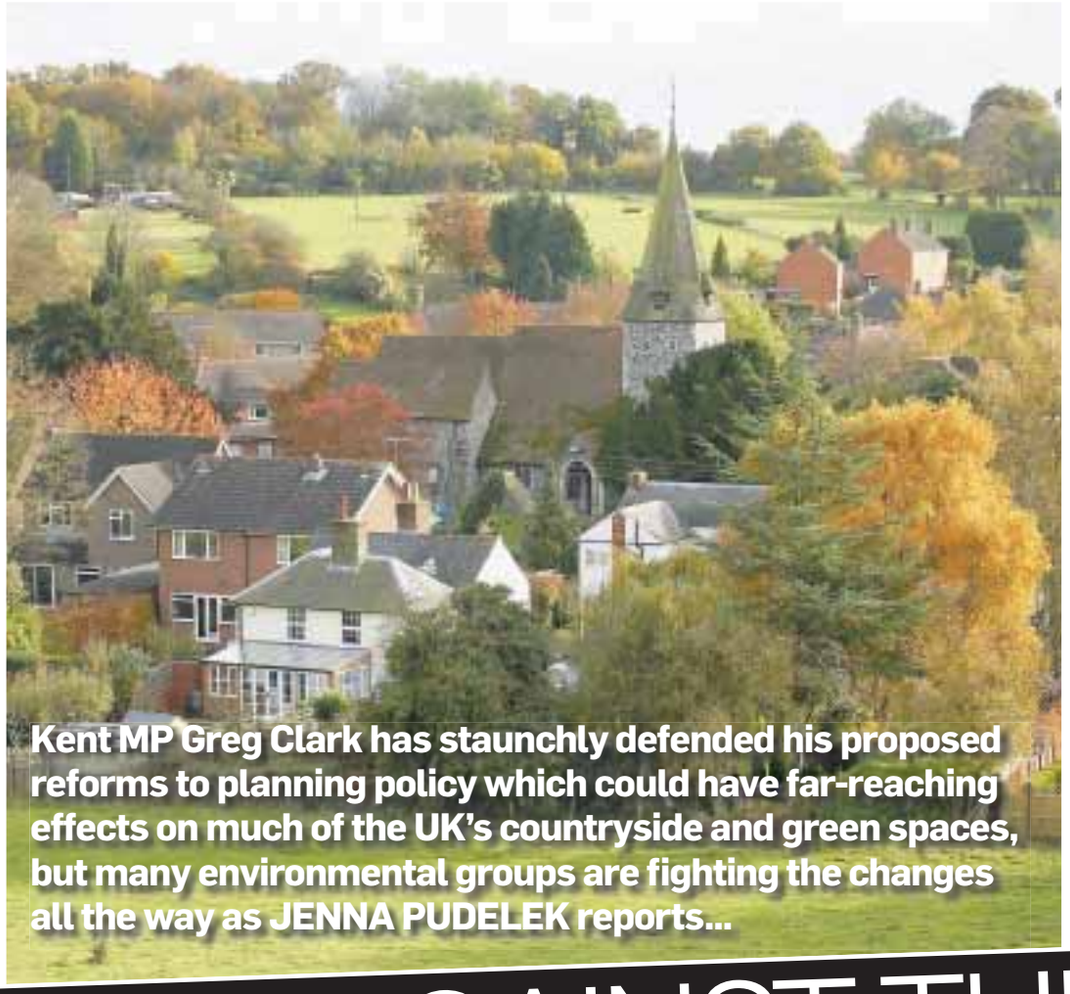
Maltby said: "I've had a couple of productions playing at the Marlowe over the last few years.

"It is really nice of them to keep taking me back. To live in Canterbury and have the show come is always great – I just hope it does well."

■ **Drumchasers will appear at The Orchard at 7.30pm on Tuesday, September 20. Tickets start at £16 and can be booked at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or by calling the ticket office on 01322 220000. The show heads to The Marlowe Theatre on Friday, October 28. Tickets are available from the ticket office on 01227 787787 or by visiting www.marlowetheatre.com.**

TALKING **POINT**

Planning reform



GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND: If the Government's planning reform does go ahead there are fears that large-scale developments could spring up across the UK's countryside

Kent MP Greg Clark has staunchly defended his proposed reforms to planning policy which could have far-reaching effects on much of the UK's countryside and green spaces, but many environmental groups are fighting the changes all the way as JENNA PUDELEK reports...

FIGHT AGAINST THE CONCRETE JUNGLE

THE Coalition government's planning reforms have been among its most divisive policy proposals so far. Led by Tunbridge Wells MP and local government and communities minister Greg Clark, the major changes have not only drawn criticism from the left and environmental activists, they have also struck discord within the Tory heartland.

But, unlike the uproar over the planned forests sell-off which similarly outraged Middle England and core Conservative voters, the Government has ruled out a U-turn.

The Draft National Planning Policy Framework aims to streamline the system, slashing more than 1,000 pages down to just 52.

It also introduces a "presumption in favour of sustainable development".

This has led to concern and criticism from a growing alliance of environmental and conservation charities, including Friends of the Earth and National Trust, that the overhaul of the current system will lead to large-scale developments springing up across the countryside.

Ministers have said the change in planning laws is needed to boost economic growth and build more homes.

The National Trust has urged its 3.7 million members, including 18,564 in Tunbridge Wells, to sign a petition and write to their MP to oppose the changes. Directors from the conservation charity, which is the largest in the country, met with Mr Clark last Wednesday (September 7) at the House of Commons.

Dame Fiona Reynolds, the trust's director general, has said the reforms could lead to "unchecked and damaging development in the undesignated countryside on a scale not seen since the 1930s".

External affairs director Ben Cowell, who also met with Mr Clark, said the trust was not opposed to growth that had strong local support. But he said stalled housing developments were caused by the economy, not planning.

In Tunbridge Wells, for example, one of the town's most notorious 'grot spots' the former cinema site has stood derelict for more than a decade. The previous developer went bust after gaining planning permission for a mixed-use development of shops, housing and a hotel.

The Conservative-supporting Daily Telegraph has waded into the row launching a Hands Off Our Land campaign to urge ministers to rethink the proposals, joining the National Trust, English Heritage and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) in opposing the plans.

After last week's meeting, the National Trust emerged refusing to enter into any more talks with ministers until they have a statement from the highest levels of government saying the planning system does not exist to "principally" promote economic development.

Meanwhile, Mr Clark was hopeful of placating the objectors, saying: "The objective of the National Trust and my objectives are perfectly compatible. I believe a smaller planning system is needed to provide new homes for the next generation and we need to do it in a way that does not damage the natural environment.

"Given both of us aim for these outcomes the best thing to do is go through in detail the framework, to look specifically at what their suggestions and concerns are."

The consultation on the framework continues until the middle of October and Mr Clark said he would respond to any "sensible" points raised. There will then be time to reflect on the results, he said, before it is considered by the select committee. It is due to become law in April 2012.

Mr Clark has ruffled a few feathers locally as well as nationally. Protect Kent, the county's branch of the CPRE which, like the National Trust has an overlap in membership with the Conservative Party, branded his comments that the CPRE has objected to every change in planning policy since he could remember, "unprofessional". After he said he didn't think the Kent Greens could have read the framework, the party's spokesman hit back insisting the consultation was based upon making development easier.

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> **MP GREG CLARK,** ON TRYING TO PLACATE HIS MANY OBJECTORS

Meanwhile, the Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association has thrown its weight behind Mr Clark, who enjoys strong support in his constituency. The association's officers wrote a letter to the Sunday Times in response to an article that suggested Mr Clark and the Government do not have the support of Tory members locally.

"Greg Clark has always been a true champion of our beautiful local environment and opportunities for the next generation. In striving for these goals he and the Government have the wholehearted support of his local Conservative association," they wrote.

Talking about reports the planning reforms were causing a split among Tory supporters, Mr Clark said: "Everyone in Tunbridge Wells knows I've always been passionate about the environment. I've always said that regional assemblies should not be imposing housing numbers that were not determined by local people.

"Localism has been my crusade throughout all my time as MP for Tunbridge Wells. What we are doing with the planning system is giving power to local people, but making sure there are robust safeguards, making sure the green belt is protected, and natural and historical sites."

After the meeting with Mr Clark, the National Trust said in a statement: "We met with Greg Clark and he invited us to engage now in dialogue about the detail of the NPPF document. While we welcome this, we're not prepared to enter into such talks until we have a clear statement, from the highest levels of Government, clarifying the planning system is not there principally to promote economic development. "

Their concerns were backed by celebrity chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, who said new food growing spaces were desperately needed and in huge demand from communities.

"We can't allow Government to put new growing spaces at risk. It's essential land is still allocated in cities, towns and villages for this purpose. We know people are desperate to grow their own food, so we must do everything we can to ensure they have the space to do so," he said.

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KENT **REMEMBERED**

CHARACTER: Charles Dickens' fascinating characters are as popular today as they have ever been

Book helps us to celebrate one of our literary greats

By Nick Ames
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FEBRUARY 7 next year marks the 200th birthday of one of the legends of English literature – Charles Dickens.

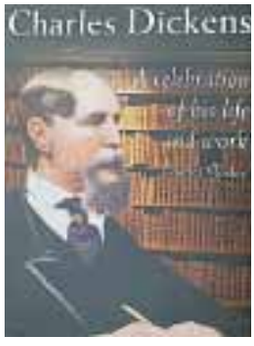
For most authors the bicentenary of a birthday are pretty much irrelevant, but not one whose characters and phrases continue to live to this day.

Creations of the writer, who was so strongly inspired by Kent, such as Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, Ebenezer Scrooge and Mr Pickwick have passed into legend – as have quotes from the great writer.

"It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done" and "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times", from A Tale of Two Cities – along with "annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pound ought and six, result misery" from David Copperfield, are among the best known passages ever written.

Writer Charles Mosley has put together a lavishly illustrated guide to the author and his characters – called Charles Dickens: A Celebration of his Life and Work, published by Worth Press.

As well as focusing on the novels it also looks into the role of Dickens as a social reformer and sets his work in a historical context.



Each novel is examined, with character details and a story summary. Maps feature locations connected with the writer and his work both in Britain and across the world

As the book states: "Above all it celebrates his very existence. As a good birthday should."

The Rochester area was the inspiration for many of Dickens' greatest works. Restoration House in the town was Satis House in Great Expectations, where the magnificent Miss Havisham lived.

Charles Dickens spent five of his childhood years in Medway from 1817 to 1822.

Gad's Hill Place was the country home of Charles Dickens, where he lived for 13 years until his death in 1870.

Dickens first saw the estate when he was nine years old and his father told him if he worked hard enough, he might one day own such a place.

After his success, the writer heard it was up for sale and turned Gad's Hill into his country home, entertaining many of his literary friends such as Hans Christian Anderson and Wilkie Collins there.

Surrounding the River Medway are the marshlands that appear in Great Expectations, although they are described as around the Thames in the book.

The Saxon Shore Way, between Hoo and Upnor, influenced the eerie marshes where some of the book's action is set while Cooling Church is the location of the famous opening scene, where Pip visits the graves of his family.

The little lozenge shaped graves which Pip stood beside can still be seen now.

Charles Dickens stayed at Bleak House in Broadstairs, formerly known as Fort House, periodically throughout his life. He fondly called it his 'airy nest' and the mansion was the inspiration for his novel, Bleak House.

In his study overlooking the sea, Dickens wrote the greater part of the novel David Copperfield.

Dickens World
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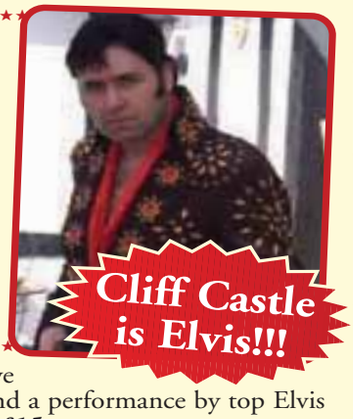

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Food festival continuing to tickle public's taste buds

Initially an idea to extend the Broadstairs tourist season, **Ed Hill** finds just how popular one event has become...

NOW in its third year, the Broadstairs Food Festival is proving to be a big annual attraction for the seaside town.

The event, which includes the three-day food fair that runs from Friday, September 30, to Sunday, October 2, attracts producers from around the county.

Festival-organiser Bill Hackney said: "The festival started as an idea to extend the tourist season and create something that would definitely engage the local community and visitors and help business.

"So far we have been proved right."

More than 100 stallholders will be coming to the fair, which is held in the town's Victoria Gardens and Parade. There will also be cookery demonstrations in the kitchen theatre marquee.

The top chefs showing their culinary skills include a team from Thanet College catering department, Quex Park, Indian chef Dev Biswal and Jason Freedman from the successful Minnis bar and restaurant near Birchington.

"We have 14 cooking demonstrations in the kitchen theatre from great restaurants in Thanet and beyond. They are free and have proved to be very popular over the last couple of years," said Mr Hackney.

The festival has caught the wave of public interest in local produce.

Mr Hackney said: "The standard and quality of the food is incredibly high. I think it has filled one of the main criteria for its success because more and more Kent businesses want to sign up to sell and promote their goods."

Aside from the three-day fair, a number of other events have been organised.

On Friday, September 23, a live variety show, Bubble And Squeak, will be held to help raise funds for the festival. The entertainers, appearing at Theatre Royal Margate, include renowned jazz-singer Christine Tobin and punk-folk stars Nigel Burch and the Flea-Pit Orchestra.

A special festival beer is also being brewed for visitors to quench their thirst.

Mr Hackney said: "Eddy Gadd, from Gadds' brewery, is brewing a special green-hop ale for the festival. He will pick the hops just in time for the festival.

"Then, on Wednesday, October 5, he will have an open evening when people can go along and have a tour of the brewery."

Wine-lovers will get a chance to try English vintages at the Bottleneck Bar in Broadstairs on Sunday, October 2, while on Tuesday, September 27, Thanet College will hold an evening gala of gourmet food.

The dinner will give students a chance to showcase their food and take place in the college's own dining room, which has an impressive views of the coast.

New this year is the Broadstairs restaurant trail. Many of the town's wide variety of restaurants supporting the festival have signed up to take part.

Mr Hackney said: "It begins after the food fair and events will continue at the restaurants throughout the year."

■ **To learn more about this year's events, visit www.broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk**

A DROP IN THE OCEAN: Victoria Gardens and Parade will host the seaside town's hugely popular food festival

Farmers' markets

Dartford

THE farmers' market is held in the pedestrian area of Dartford high street and open to the public between 10am and 2pm on the third Friday of the month. Produce available includes meat, bread, plants and preserves.

Mersham

A MARKET is now held at the Farriers Arms, Mersham Forstal, between 2.30pm and 6.30pm on every second and fourth Friday of the month, featuring top-quality produce. It is a newcomer to the increasing number of markets but is proving very popular.

Horsmonden

HORSMONDEN farmers' market, held every other Friday, has some 20 stalls, covering a range of produce including meat, game, poultry, eggs, cheese, fruit and vegetables, bread, jams and pickles, honey, prepared pies, pastries, cakes and bakes.

Bridge

THE market at the Red Lion Inn, Bridge, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month aims to give shoppers the opportunity to buy high-quality, nutritious, fresh local food and drink which contributes to their well-being and protects their environment.

Hythe

HYTHE farmers' market was established in March 2004 and is now located in the Methodist church hall, between Chapel Street and Prospect Road. It is open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10am to midday.

Elham

THE Elham market is held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month in the Rose and Crown pub, from 10am to midday. It offers a selection of fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheese, fresh meat, bread, cakes, honey, jams and wine.

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ALICIA attractive petite female 22yrs, new to dating scene and area, loves nights in/out, WLTM male for adult fun. ACA. can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375135**

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CONFIDENT and cultured lady, young 39, very attractive, slim and fit seeks mature male, 45-65yrs for wining, dining and more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371575**

36YR old professional, blue eyes, blonde, smiley, OHAC WLTM special guy for nights in with lots of cuddles and love. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371549**

BARBARA 46, seeks nice, stocky male up to 50 for friendship. maybe more. Heathrow. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361701**

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CAROLINE size 16, seeks kind, honest, loving gent, 45 plus for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371099**

PAULINE 38, teacher, easygoing, friendly, likes films, walks, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387358**

ANITA 58, auburn hair, green eyes, 5ft 3ins, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374009**

PAM nice lady, looking for special male who is genuine with GSOH to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387332**

CLAUDIA curvy size 20, Mediterranean, blonde hair, brown eyes, seeks mature male, 40-55 for friendship, companionship and enjoy life together. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373611**

ELIZABETH caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older gent, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359589**

FOLKESTONE lady, 57, 5ft 1ins, hazel eyes, medium build, likes walks, good food, seeks caring, affectionate male, large build to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371399**

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KATHY attractive single mum 25, slim, dark hair/eyes, fed up with being alone, looking older male for mutual TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372661**

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ANITA 58, green eyes, auburn hair, 5ft 3ins, likes shopping, holidays, cinema, shows, seeks male. Sittingbourne. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374745**

ANNA 5ft 4ins, 63, N/S, seeks N/S, genuine man for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374589**

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FUN female 35yrs looking to let her hair down seeks easygoing N/S guy for a relationship, 30-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368001**

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22YR old leggy blonde, seeking likeminded man for lots of fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368909**

SLIM attractive, elegant female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring, male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571**

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JACKIE 48, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, walks, seeks male, 48-58 for friendship, maybe more, preferably a smoker. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368039**

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ACTIVE solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time be a lot more adventurous, care to join me? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370181**

CONFIDENT fun female bored of spending time alone, looking for fun man to share lots of laughs and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370177**

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CLAIRE Gorgeous fun loving brunette, 29, 5ft 4ins, employed, OHAC, looking for manly male up to 45yrs for no strings good times and fine wine. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373107**

26YR old Indian princess looking for discreet older N/S professional male to make life a bit more interesting and share mutual companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373089**

SHEILA caring 64, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft 4ins, medium build, seeks male, 60-70 for friendship/companionship, maybe more. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373555**

CAROLINE 31, Attractive, slim but curvy brunette, witty and fun, seeking relaxed, male for fun times together. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373007**

HI I am Marie, a pretty middle aged lonely divorcee missing male company seeking love and laughter with likeminded man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373003**

PATRICIA 62, blonde, green eyes, 5ft 3ins, slim, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372485**

CHARLOTTE 30, sweet French female, long legs, sporty, fit and healthy, seeking well built, fit guy to share interests and show me new ones. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372687**

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MONICA 35 attractive black female seeking genuine white male up to 65yrs who can appreciate good times with a lovely lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372683**

FIT female 39, enjoys good conversation, laughs and walking bare foot in the grass, WLTM similar male for tactile friendship/more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372663**

ANDY sincere male, seeks black female for genuine relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374791**

IAN 51, likes snooker, pool, walks, cycling, slight disability, seeks caring, loving female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387514**

GARY 42, professional, OHAC, independent, enjoys good things in life, seeks female for LTR. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387500**

ALAN refined gent, GSOH, slim, seeks bi-curious/gay lady to accompany him to parties. East Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374645**

JAKE professional, likes most things, seeks attractive female, 30-60 for friendship, maybe more. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374521**

MALE 5ft 8ins, grey hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks black female, 28 plus for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387648**

DAVE 5ft 8ins, Australian, mousey blond, looking for friendship, fun and possible romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387646**

LES 87, widower, good health, own home, likes gardening, tv, seeks retired female/live in partner for mutual companionship, own room. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375229**

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THE public house is one of the staple ingredients of British culture. It is our meeting place, somewhere to relax as well as have fun, and it is a place to celebrate weddings or remember those who have left us.

Pubs are the centre of the television soap universe and the scene of historical events.

But now, pubs are so much more than just good watering holes – they are places to dine and expect the best food.

Gastropubs and pub grub continue to make their mark in the restaurant world, attracting new chefs as well as Michelin-star experience.

In the last couple of years, renowned chefs have headed to the hostelries of Kent to carve out new centres of culinary excelence.

Richard Phillips has extended his name to cover the Pearson's Arms pub in Whitstable, while The Swan at West Malling has won a Bib Gourmand and become Michelin-listed under the guidance of firstly Mark Sargeant and now Scott Goss.

Not only has this difference of usage become desirable to the diners but the pubs are also finding a good menu and a good meal will bring in more customers than those just popping in for a quick pint.

Long gone are the days where pub grub consisted of a burger and chips, and maybe a pickled egg if you were lucky.

It is now the freshly-produced local ingredients and fine dining that are becoming the norm.

There are many of these eateries dotted about our countryside and beaches right here in Kent, but here are six of the best...

See Ho
Shorne

Why here...
The See Ho bar and restaurant is in a beautiful rural location and very popular with walkers. It is close to Shorne Country Park and ideal for freshly-prepared lunches and dinners.

On the menu...
Fresh fish is prepared daily and ingredients are sourced locally. Homemade pies, curries and Italian dishes are highly popular. A new chef is bringing a Mediteranean feel to the restaurant.

How to book...
Pear Tree Lane, Shorne,
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www.theseeho.com

The White Hart
Canterbury

Why here...
Close to Canterbury's centre, the pub boasts the city's largest garden, offering traditional pub-grub meals and snacks for lunch but with a more diverse à la carte menu for evening diners.

On the menu...
The à la carte evening menu includes poached chicken roulade filled with leeks and Brie, served on crushed new potatoes with a creamy white wine sauce. Homemade desserts are a speciality!

How to book...
The White Hart, Worthgate Place,
Canterbury CT1 2QX
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whitehartpub@live.co.uk

White Horse
Bridge

Why here...
The White Horse has reopened after a long closure to rave reviews from locals and visitors alike.
The unique layout offers a traditional pub atmosphere complete with a large roaring fire plus a separate restaurant for fine dining.
Live music is a must every Friday from 9pm, as well as a monthly quiz.
Every Tuesday is two-for-£20 night, when two restaurant main meals are available for just £20.

On the menu...
The head chef offers a variety of traditional dishes with his own twist plus some retro favourites from the past.
All ingredients are sourced locally and fresh every day.
The popular fish specials are caught the previous night.

How to book...
The White Horse,
53 High Street, Bridge, near Canterbury CT4 5LA
phone: 01227 830845.
email: info@whitehorsebridge.com
www.whitehorsebridge.com

The Unicorn
Bekesbourne

Why here...
A small country pub minutes from the centre of Canterbury and 200 yards from Bekesbourne train station. Serves traditional pub food made from fresh, locally-sourced ingredients.

On the menu...
Seasonal menu, plus daily specials including homemade pies, fish with homemade chips, salad selection and steak night. Sandwiches with homemade bread are also available.

How to book...
The Unicorn, Bekesbourne Hill,
Bekesbourne,
Canterbury CT4 5ED
www.pubunicorn.com

First and Last
Herne

Why here...
Standing proudly on the picturesque route between Herne village and Canterbury, The First and Last is very recognisable.
A great service from friendly staff is the norm; this pub offers a fantastic choice of food, real ales, wines, Champagne and a great craic!
It is a good guaranteed all-round meal and experience.
The function room offers a great party and event venue, but any visit at any time of the year is a special one.

On the menu...
Traditional pub food is served at lunchtimes, including freshly-made sandwiches and baguettes.
The evening à la carte menu offers such highlights as roasted duck breast with peppercorn sauce and fresh vegetables.

How to book...
The First and Last,
Herne Common, Herne Bay
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phone: 01227 364465
thefirstandlastfreehouse.

The Swan
Westgate

Why here...
Something to suit everybody, from super food to a great range of drinks to a friendly and relaxed atmosphere with excellent staff. Barfood is available daily except for the Sunday carvery.

On the menu...
Appetisers including moules marinière, homemade salmon fishcake, deep-fried whitebait, spaghetti Bolognaise, fish platter and Spanish paella accompanied by wine. There is something for everyone.

How to book...
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HEALTH & BEAUTY

Easy tips for looking good all year round

WHEN summer is here and the weather is warm, looking good and keeping healthy often takes care of itself. Conditions are ideal for walking and relaxing outdoors during the long evenings and the water is always inviting when it comes to swimming.

But now that the days are growing shorter and there are more grey skies than blue, it's a real effort to ensure you look and feel your best.

So why not turn to the professionals for advice and help?

Good skin care is easy. Soap or lotion and moisturising are the two main ways you can improve the look of your skin. Pick a moisturiser with sun protection because sun damage is the main factor that ages skin. Vitamin E helps to revitalise your skin. Skin products that include retinol help minimise fine lines and help prevent wrinkles to a degree.

Get a good hair-cut. Often the more expensive salons tend to keep up-to-date with fashion trends and products and can offer hair care that makes the most of what you have.

Use a shampoo that is appropriate for your hair type and makes your hair look good.

If you want to change your hair colour, the best way is to get it done professionally; badly-done colour changes can say many negative things about you as a person.

Hair styles often need products for the best results. Waxes, gels, sprays, mousses and volumisers can help keep hair styles to stay looking good.

Balding hair looks best short, very short – no combing long hair over the top of a bald spot.

A balanced diet containing fresh vegetables and fruit is vital; it keeps you healthy and improves skin and hair.

Also try limiting your fast-food intake. Dietary food supplements and vitamins can help when a normal healthy diet is not possible.

Finally, make sure you get enough exercise. Use everyday opportunities to avoid a sedentary life – walk rather than take the car.

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Stunning views that would not be out of place on a postcard can be enjoyed on a walk that takes in the Darent Valley Path

This is a popular walk with photographers and you may wish to take your camera along and capture the striking views that await you across the valley.

From the Lullingstone Roman Villa car park, enjoy the invigorating walk up the hillside along the Darent Valley Path. When nearing the top, take a little time to turn back and enjoy the views across the river towards the village of Eynsford.

You will notice the impressive red-brick viaduct that carries the Swanley to Sevenoaks railway line and you may also catch a glimpse of Lullingstone Castle.

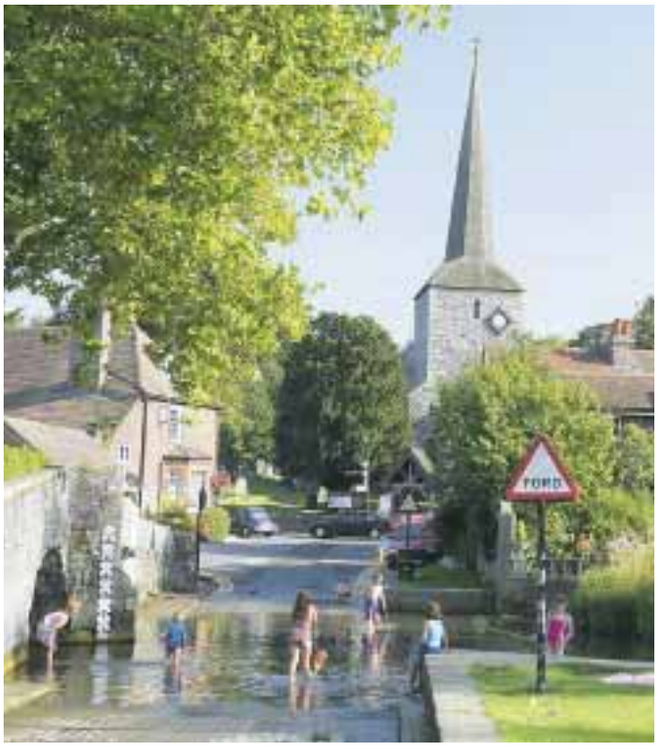
Following the pathway you will soon come across the Eagle Heights Birds of Prey Centre. The centre is one of the largest in the country, housing more than 50 species. Glance skywards as you pass by, as many of the birds can be seen soaring over the valley during the centre's daily demonstrations.

The route gradually descends towards the floor of the valley through the fields that have supported generations of local farmers since the Romans first settled near the River Darent.

Lullingstone Roman Villa is thought to have been first established around 75AD and is thought to be one of the best-preserved examples of Roman remains in Britain. Like many buildings, the villa grew with successive occupants; additions included a heated bath-suite and an underground pagan 'cult-room'.

The villa reached its peak of luxury in the mid-fourth century, when a lavish new dining room was added, complete with two excellent mosaics that can still be seen today. If you have time, the villa is a great place to visit and find out more about the rich history of the area.

- **Location:** Eynsford, DA4 0JA
- **Distance:** 1.8 miles (2.9km); allow 30 minutes
- **OS Explorer Map:** 162
- **Terrain:** Fields and road
- **Stiles:** Two
- **Parking:** Lullingstone Roman Villa
- **Refreshments and facilities**: Lullingstone Roman Villa, public house and restaurant in Eynsford village centre, Lullingstone Country Park
- **Step count:** approximately 2,600



PICTURESQUE: Enjoy stunning views toward Eynsford across the Darent as you set off on the walk from the Lullingstone Roman Villa

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Creepy things have their day

Mini-monsters

Drusillas Park, Alfriston
Sunday, September 25
01323 874 100
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VENTURE down to Drusillas Park for Creepy Crawlies Day and meet some very unusual mini-monsters.
The Discovery Centre will be open between 11am and 4pm, swarming with weird insects, slimy molluscs and scary spiders.
Among the creatures will be scorpions with their powerful pincers, cockroaches that make a terrifying hissing noise to scare off predators, giant millipedes and large-fanged tarantulas.
Experts from the British Tarantula Society will be available to answer questions throughout the day, including the park's very own spider woman, Angela Hale, known as Tarangela at the zoo.
The park is open from 10am until 5pm.

Sculpture and garden art

See the show

Marle Place, Tonbridge
Until Sunday, September 25
www.marleplace.co.uk
01299 896188

NOW in its eighth year, The Sculpture Show will once again be displayed throughout the glorious grounds of Marle Place at Brenchley, Tonbridge.
More than 100 contemporary sculptures, created by 20 artists from around the country, will be exhibited.
Event organiser Mike Lickman said: "There is something for everyone, with elegant figurative pieces, sparkling glass sculpture and amazing abstracts.
"There will be plenty of limited-edition pieces offering you an opportunity to acquire a piece of contemporary art."
A further exhibition by resident artist Lindel Williams is in the gallery.
Admission includes entry to the exhibitions; £5.50 for adults, £1.50 for under-12s.

Maritime folk the real deal

So much music

Various Deal venues
Friday to Sunday, Sep 16-18
dealmaritimefolkfestival.org
Twitter: @DealFolk

DEAL is going be bursting with music as the Deal Maritime Folk Festival hits town.
Lis Clayson, festival organiser, said: "One the really nice features of our festival is the sheer variety of music which is happening in the local pubs.
"This year is no exception and we have three packed days of great pub gigs and singa-rounds and playarounds.
"We will have 25 sessions over the weekend. The festival would not be as special as it is without Deal pubs' support"
On Saturday, Smugglers Records presents a session at The Green Berry with Famous James And The Monsters, while an evening acoustic set at The Ship Inn with see all the smugglers' talent deployed.
For those who love traditional folk, there is the RNLI benefit concert at Walmer lifeboat house, hosted by the Deal Hoodeners on Sunday at 11am.
The festival-headliners this year include Nuru Kane on Friday night, Kimber's Men on Saturday and the beautiful songs of Martha Tilston for the finale on Sunday.
All the headliners will play at the Astor Community Theatre.
More details on the festival can be found at www.dealmaritimefolkfestival.org, at the festival's Facebook page or on Twitter.
The full programme is available at The Landmark Centre, the Astor, Sound House, the library, Mark1 and other outlets.

Food festivals

Kent Crisps take stage

Folkestone seafront
September 30 to October 2
Canterbury Eurofair
September 23-25

KENT Crisps take their place alongside some of Europe's top food-producers this month.
The award-winning snacks produced by Quex Foods at Birchington are being shown at two of Kent's main food festivals: Canterbury Eurofair, from September 23-25, and the Broadstairs Food Festival from September 30-October 2.
Canterbury's three-day fair attracts hundreds of county and European food-producers to its streets. The city also has close links with Kent Crisps, whose Ashmore cheese-and-onion-flavoured crisps received a national Great Taste Award in July.
The Broadstairs seafront festival is supported by Thanet-trained TV chef Gary Rhodes and Kent Crisps; it this year features a kitchen theatre, plus stalls of fresh fish and local produce.
Anthony Curwen, of Quex Foods, said: "Both festivals have become major events in the South East calendar. I am delighted Kent Crisps have a part to play in promoting our superb county."
Visit www.kentcrisps.com.

Motown meets Bollywood

What a mix!

Granville Theatre, Ramsgate
Saturday, October 15
01483 591750
www.granvilletheatre.com

THEIR music makes the journey from Memphis to Mumbai, fusing Bollywood glamour and Motown soul... now the chart-topping band Botown are bringing their Soul Of Bollywood tour to the Granville Theatre.
The multicultural band have topped the UK Asian chart with a sound that reinvents Bollywood grooves by giving them a twist of soul.
Botown's Soul Of Bollywood tour has brought the house down in previous tours, including sell-out London shows at the Jazz Café, Rich Mix and artsdepot.
The band mashes the cultural sounds that delight both fans of Bollywood and lovers of soul. Audiences new to Botown will find the music familiar but at the same time different to anything they've heard before.
The band blend instruments familiar to soul such as drums, bass and guitar with Indian percussion and male and female vocals well known to fans of Bollywood.

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Music festival

All that jazz on the Medway

Maritime Jazz Festival, Chatham and Rochester
Thu to Sun, September 22-25
www.maritimejazzfestival.co.uk

THE Maritime Jazz Festival is being held at locations around the Medway Towns.
Top acts this year include the entertaining Ray Gelato (right) and his Giants of Jazz, vibraphonist Roan Kearsey-Lawson and his quartet, the New Orleans Street Beat, Blew Tubes Full Blast and flautist Andy Panayi, along with many more.
Venues include the Britannia Theatre in Dickens World, the Ramada Hotel in Chatham Dockyard and Simply Italian in Rochester. There will be workshops, including Jazz For Juniors with Trudy Kerr.
Early-bird passes are from £27, while single early-bird gigs cost just £11. Visit www.maritimejazzfestival.co.uk or call 01634 365453 or 890421.

Competition

Musical youth can take stage

Equator Music Festival, Ashford
Friday, October 21
email: events@equatorfestival.com

THE Equator Music Festival is holding its annual competition for young musicians.
Semi-finalists from across Kent will have the opportunity to perform in front of a supportive audience at the Norton Knatchbull School in Ashford.
There will be three categories: under-12s, under-18s and under-25s. Instrumentalists, soloists, singers and groups under the age of 25 and living in Kent are invited to submit a musical entry for the competition. Schools can also submit an entry of their groups or soloists.
The entry must be one piece of music or a song of any genre not longer than five minutes on CD, DVD or MP3.
Deadline for entries is Monday, October 10. The competition will be judged by a panel that includes experienced musicians, and the competition is supported by Kent Music and Equator/ShivaNova.
Finalists will be given further help from musicians, and a recording will be made of their performances.
The postal address to send the entry is: Equator Kent Music Talent Competition, Peregrine, Grange Road, St Michaels, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6TJ; or email events@equator.com.

Country life

Crafts on show by the pond

Hever Castle
Fri to Sun, September 16-18
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ENJOY a celebration of country living in the heart of the Garden of England. Surrounded by acres of glorious countryside, Hever Castle is the perfect setting for Country Life At The Castle, a new rural event this year.
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Demonstrations of crafts range from wood-carving and wood-turning to trug-making and basket-weaving. Discover how spinners, weavers and dyers produce textiles; meet a Mongolian felt-maker; and get advice on keeping hens and bees from the experts.
The event incorporates the annual Hever Castle Patchwork And Quilting Exhibition. Members of The Quilters' Guild from across Kent, Sussex and Surrey will display patchwork quilts and wall-hangings.
Throughout the weekend, members of the guild will present a programme of demonstrations on patchwork, quilting and needlework.
The gardens open at 10.30am and the castle at midday. Last admission 5pm; final exit 6pm. Tickets cost £14 for adults, £12 for seniors and £8 for children; a family ticket is £36. Entrance to Country Life At The Castle is included in the entrance price.

Art on agenda

International symposium

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
Thursday, September 22
01628 675800
poppy@artreach.biz

IN partnership with this year's Folkestone Triennial, an international symposium is being held as the final stage of Strange Cargo's Stretching New Boundaries programme.
Theorists and practitioners in art will discuss the value and power of creating participatory visual artwork and explore future directions for this evolving sector.
Speakers will include Jochen Gerz; Andrea Schlieker, curator of the 2011 Folkestone Triennial; Dr Jonathan Vickery; Angus Farquhar, artistic director of NVA; French Mottershead; boredomresearch and Assocreation.
The event, at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, runs from 10.30am to 4pm.
The symposium fee is £30 (£25 + VAT), which Includes lunch, refreshments, a tour of the Triennial and an evening reception, plus a copy of Everywhere Means Something to Someone – The People's Guidebook to Folkestone, a Triennial commission created by Strange Cargo.

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STAGE & ARTS

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Nutcracker
Classic ballet by the seaside

Winter Gardens, Margate
Sunday, October 9
01843 296111
www.leisureforce.co.uk

DANCE fans have the chance to catch one of Tchaikovsky's world-famous classical ballets, The Nutcracker, when the Vienna Festival Ballet Company returns to Margate. The enchanting tale is one of the best-loved ballets and centres on Clara and her nutcracker doll, which transforms into a princely soldier.
Their adventures see the prince and Clara combat the Mouse King and join the Sugar Plum Fairy for a trip to a kingdom made of sweets.
This production offers all the essential ingredients of ballet, glamorous costumes, beautiful sets and energetic performances by the dancers, all bringing the magic of ballet to life.

Mega-band
Tribute to the gods of rock

Granville Theatre, Ramsgate
Saturday, October 1, at 8pm
01843 591750
www.granvilletheatre.com

MANY years have passed since the last gigs from the classic line-ups of two English mega-bands, Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin.
Whether you were lucky enough to have seen the originals live or not, top tribute act Purple Zeppelin will take you back to the magic, the excitement and the sheer raw energy generated by those incredible musicians.
In a full-on two-and-a-half-hour show, complete with costume changes for each band, you'll hear more than 30 classic songs. Basically the best bits... all the time!
Described by former Melody Maker editor Chris Welch as a band who play "music with skill and tenacity, bringing those familiar themes back to life with respect, making the evening a genuine tribute and so satisfying you felt like shouting and holding up a blazing cigarette-lighter".
You can find out more about Purple Zeppelin from website www.purplezeppelin.com.
Tickets to their Granville Theatre performance cost £10 in advance, £11 on the door and £9 for Friends of the Granville Theatre.

Theatre art
Magic, dance and illusion

Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs
Saturday October 1
0845 2626263

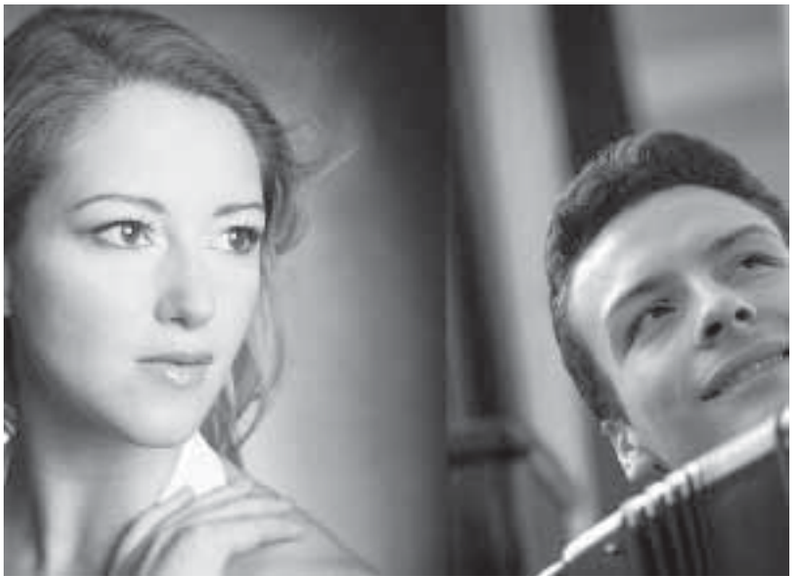
A FUSION of dance and illusion featuring dance artist Paula Templeman and illusionist Doctor Bondini takes place at the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club.
These two performers have combined to create a sensational presentation of dance, magic and illusion.
After a demonstration of time and its effects on reality by a 19th-century physicist, this piece of creative theatre takes us on an exciting journey exploring the realms of conflicting emotions and phases within the lives of various characters.
Music, physical theatre and drama complement the dance and illusion to create a thought-provoking experience.
Theatre manager Michael Wheatley-Ward said: "Bondini has created some astonishing new illusions for this show, which, combined with the beauty and elegance of Paula's range of creative movement and dance genres, makes an incredible spectacle."
Tickets cost £10.50 (members) and £12.50 (non-members).

Balkan sound meets Bach
Dynamic duo

Astor Community Theatre, Deal
Friday, September 30
01304 381134

DEAL Festival launches its autumn series of concerts with In Accord, featuring Harriet MacKenzie on violin and Miloš Milivojević on accordion.

These virtuosi musicians are known to Deal – MacKenzie with her world music group Kosmos and Milivojević with Balkan Genius band Paprika.
Here as a duo they mix Bach and Tartini with the musical styles of gypsy, tango and Balkan to dazzling effect.
These three autumn chamber concerts are the beginning of an exploration that will chart a journey into the New Year and beyond – to the Deal Festival 2012.
There's a rich folk heritage in Deal, there's a rich folk heritage in 'classical' music, and the festival is going on an adventure into those roots.
MacKenzie graduated from the Royal College Of Music and from that time has gone on to receive many awards for her playing.
She has performed throughout Europe, America and Japan and has broadcast recitals live for BBC Radio 3, Classic FM and Hungarian radio.
Milivojević is a prize-winner at many competitions and has appeared throughout Europe.
See www.dealfestival.co.uk for details of this and other events. Tickets cost £12 for one concert; £22 for two; and £30 for three concerts.



Rich comedy
Edinburgh Fringe stars

Ramada Hotel, Dover
Thursday, September 29
01304 872843
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FOLLOWING another captivating year of the Edinburgh Fringe taking centre stage as the world's largest arts festival, stand-up comedy is riding high as the nation's 'must-do' night out.
Enjoy a taste of the action as three of the UK's top stand-up comics come to Dover.
Host comedian Jonathan Elston is one of the most sought after stand-ups on the circuit and he will deliver his punchy, gag-driven material before introducing the acts.
Opening up is Sally Anne Hayward, who has starred in both Absolutely Fabulous on the BBC and Why The Long Faces? on Channel 4.
With a confident persona and quick wit, Hayward has rapidly become a top compère herself.
The headline act is The Noise Next Door. This charming fivesome will blow you away with razor-sharp improvised comedy, transforming audience suggestions into funny scenes in the blink of an eye.
The lads have drawn superlatives from Edinburgh and enjoyed headlining the finest venues in the UK.
Ramada offers the 2 to Stay ticket, which includes the show, two-course dinner, two sharing accommodation and two breakfasts for £106.90.
The £20.95 ticket includes a two-course meal and comedy, while the £12.95 ticket is comedy only.

HOMES

To make the most of your walls and flooring, Topps Tiles has produced a style guide that combines colour and patterns to get the best look for your rooms

Glistening and colourful tiles make an area seem larger and lighter, ensuring that functional rooms can be turned into decorative parts of the home

THE main development with tiles has been that they are seen less as a purely practical purchase and are becoming part of the main focal point to create a desired design. We're starting to see tiles with patterns to bring subtle interest to walls in kitchens.

For a vintage effect in the kitchen, use tiles with a geometrical pattern which feature heritage colours and chic designs. Using a grey grout with white tiles will give this look some authenticity

For interest, use a mosaic on the floor in the kitchen area – such as honeycomb.

For a traditional look, incorporate a random pattern with intricate decorative tiles in a focal area, such as a splashback, and combine a selection of décor designs for a personal touch. Mosaics are becoming a big trend as they are so versatile – you can create an entire feature wall for impact, to use as a splashback, or to add colour to plain tiles, create a border, create a focal strip, or mix and match textures.

Mosaics can also be used as a border to create sections throughout the room. Use metallic finishes and embossed patterns to add a little more interest and depth to the tile – there are a lot more ranges that have a metallic finish and embossed patterns. Smaller wall tiles in kitchens remain a favourite, while large-format tiles are increasing in popularity elsewhere in the home.

For those on a budget, use natural tones but combine subtle shades with a sequence of block pattern that will tease out tones in a wider country scheme.

Alternatively, combine on-trend monochrome tiles which feature texture for an effective modern look. Offering a contemporary twist on tradition, fuse classic design with contemporary style with the natural beauty of woodgrain-effect tiles.

The resurgence of wood-effect tiles is ideal for kitchens combining style, design and functionality to achieve the look and ambience that is desired, at the same time as using the kitchen how you intend, whether to socialise, cook, or both.

Reflect zones by mixing and matching ceramic in the kitchen area with real-wood flooring in the dining area, which reflects the trend for a multipurpose kitchen living space.

Reflect the trend to inject colour – iridescent mosaic tiles bring a touch of glamour into a kitchen. Their versatility allows you to create a unique design using sheets of mosaic to create a vertical or horizontal feature. Many ranges are suitable for walls and floors so you can even continue elements of the feature throughout the room. Mix and match contrasting colours, finishes and textures to create depth and a dramatic look – black and white or colours.

Try contrasting vibrant colours from the same range, an on-trend brick style tile gives an eclectic style, while using glass will create a high modern look.

With the kitchen being a high-traffic area, stone flooring is definitely more hard-wearing than most other flooring options and has a timeless appeal. Available in an array of materials and finishes – limestone, travertine, marble, slate and granite – this type of flooring can also enhance the value of a property. The aesthetic appeal is that stone flooring features natural characteristics so there's a unique look every time.

Stone flooring also benefits by being suitable for underfloor heating and is water-resistant so quite versatile to the kitchen. Large-format tiles are almost replacing more traditional sizes – they create a seamless finish, continue and enhance the trend for open-plan living, making a kitchen feel larger.

Using the same tile on the wall as on the floor creates a beautiful seamless finish and makes the room feel much bigger. Stone flooring looks equally as beautiful in a traditional setting using classic styles and you can incorporate the grout as part of the design, for example using a darker grout with light tiles for a shabby-chic look.

Stone flooring does require care and maintenance to enhance the longevity of the product. If the sealers and enhancers are not used correctly, this could result in staining. Always wipe grout off at an angle and not down the grout lines as this will just pull out the grout.

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- Brick-effect metallic glass wall tile 10x20cm in metallic yellow and purple; from £5.99 each

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Free information forum to keep landlords in the know

LANDLORDS in west Kent are invited to attend a free event on Monday, October 3, to find out how they can improve and protect their properties.

The West Kent Landlord Fair, which will take place at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's offices in Kings Hill, will begin at 4pm and landlords will have a chance to look round a special exhibition.

There will be a series of presentations on a range of key topics including:

- The value of the private rented sector in Kent by Brian Horton, from Kent County Council (KCCC)
- The opportunity that empty properties present by Andrew Lavender also KCC
- Legal advice for landlords by solicitor Tim Crook
- Landlord update by Marion Money, from the National Landlords Association.

Landlords will also have the opportunity to take part in workshops to learn more about electrical issues in the home, mortgages and the Local Housing Allowance.

The West Kent Landlord Fair has been organised in partnership by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Sevenoaks District Council and the National Landlords Association. The partnership organises an information forum for landlords three times a year, but has expanded the event this time to include an exhibition and workshops on key topics.

Tonbridge and Malling Cllr Jean Atkinson, said: "With excellent speakers, workshops and an exhibition, the West Kent Landlord Fair will provide landlords with key information on all the latest property issues. With so much available under one roof, I am sure landlords will find this a particularly useful session."

As places are limited, landlords are asked to book in advance by calling 01732 876395 or emailing privatesectorhousing@tmbc.gov.uk.

Demand for homes strong in county, claims builder

HILLREED Homes has reported that 40 per cent of its latest development in Kemsing, near Sevenoaks, has sold off plan.

The company says this demonstrates the need for homes in Kent.

"In the South East there is a severe lack of housing", said Jo Richards, marketing and corporate manager at Hillreed Homes.

"This is a purely private development which has captured the imagination of purchasers – hence the excellent response we have received and buyers' willingness to secure today's prices by buying off-plan.

"Often there are scary headlines in national newspapers which can be misleading if the figures refer to the country as a whole.

"There are pockets and certainly some counties which are far more robust than others.

"Here in the South East, within easy commuting distance of central London, supply and demand always dictate the marketplace, which is often quite different to other regions."

Springhead Gardens in Spring Head Road, Kemsing, comprises five large detached family homes, with just three houses remaining.

The development is on the south side of Kemsing village and within easy reach of the high street.

The homes benefit from being at the end of an established quiet residential road and sit at the foot of the North Downs.

Kemsing is a village with all the necessary requisites including shops, post office, library, church, recreation and playground plus several welcoming pubs.

There is also a number of good schools in the area.

The mainline station at Kemsing has trains to London with approximately 40 minutes 'travel time.

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Maidstone Borough Council is due to publish its draft Core Strategy for public consultation in September setting out how many houses will be built in the period up to 2026, with a detailed, site specific allocation coming out after the Core Strategy has been approved. Like many local authorities, Maidstone is looking to provide less housing than required in the Borough.

In the South East Plan, its figure for the period 2006-2026 is 11,080 dwellings which has been now been reduced by 1,000 units. It has identified the main areas of new development as north west and south east Maidstone, as well as five key villages, namely Harrietsham, Lenham, Headcorn, Staplehurst and Marden. If landowners are looking to achieve development elsewhere, they will need to submit objections justifying why this should happen. Similarly, those with interests in the five key villages will need to support the strategy of development there.

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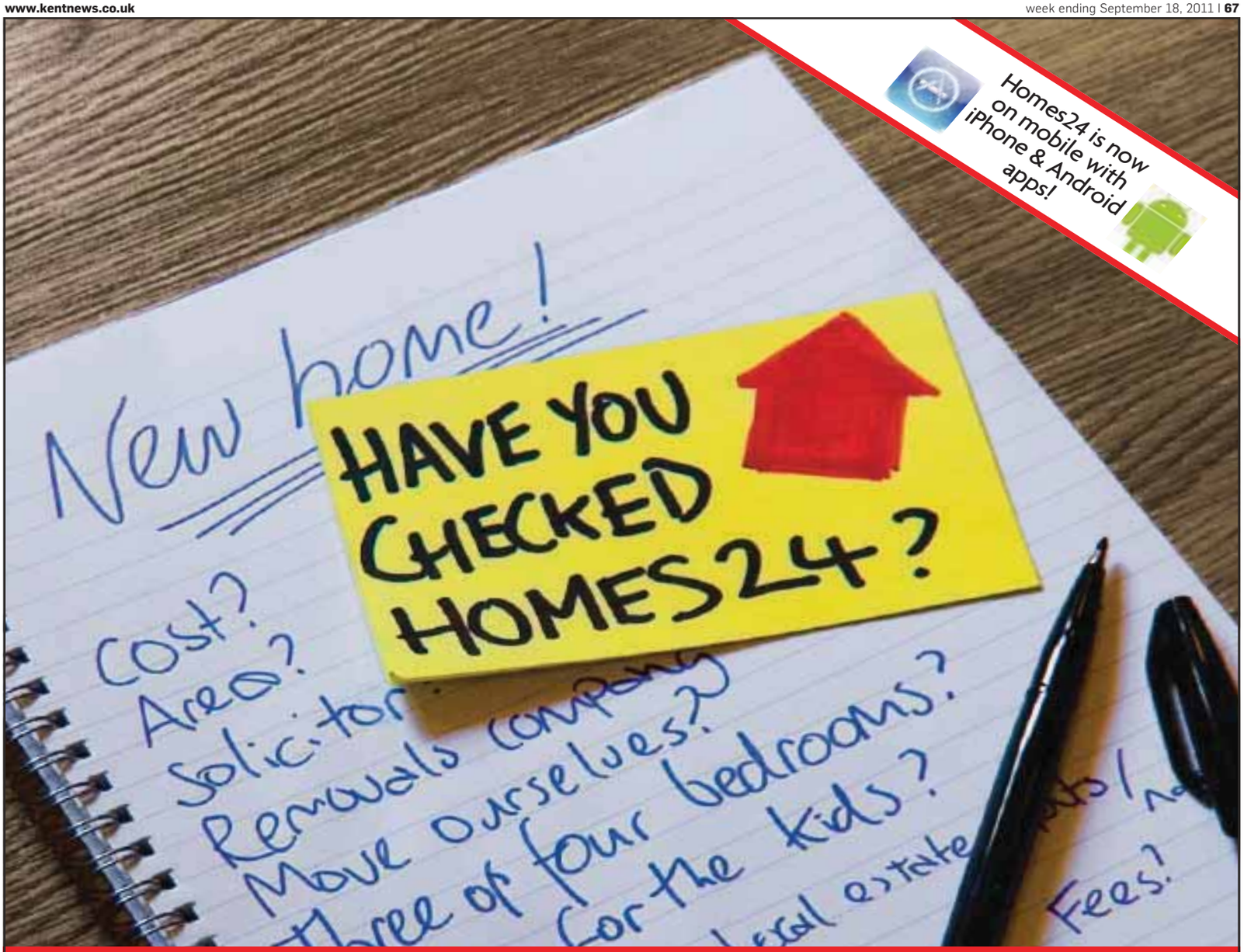

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Green Yeti on the loose

By Sami Davison
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HAVING pursued a safe but sure route to new popularity that has won umpteen UK customer satisfaction awards, Skoda appeared to make life hard for itself by launching the Yeti SUV in 2009.

Great name, but great expectations we all thought; if you name a car after the mythical Abominable Snowman then you might expect it to go to any inhospitable wastes you choose.

Truth is, Skoda's Yeti – even in 4x4 format – is no such beast. But it's still a tough character, underpinned by tried and tested powertrains and technology from parent brand VW.

Priced from just £14,830, it has been a huge succes, gathering many other awards apart from those Skoda customer gongs, but how does this Skoda SUV – in its funky chunky pseudo 4x4 style body – fare in Skoda's supposedly emasculated Greenline eco format?

Without resorting to needless written emissions or literary consumption – it responds brillantly.

When eco cars started to appear just a few years ago on their skinny, overly hard-wearing tyres and with silly economy-driven gear ratios, many keen drivers saw themselves losing the will to live.

However, even this high riding, front-wheel drive only SUV eco champion – surely a multiple contradiction in terms – is a pleasurable drive.

In most normal driving situations you will not find yourself hankering for much more from a chassis that grips and responds well to driver input, despite a high and fairly boxy body - the high 'command' driving position offers great visibility without the cornering lean suffered by many lofty vehicles. Acceleration is a respectable 12.1 seconds from 0-60mph.

But even if you do find yourself dwelling on that or any other shortcomings, you can comfort yourself with the knowledge that this Yeti version costs a negligible £30 a year in road tax, and should average around 60mpg – a point I proved on a family jaunt from Kent to Somerset.

So sure-footed is the Yeti that we rarely missed 4x4 – our family motor is a Toyota RAV4 – in the wilds of the Glastonbury area.

The Yeti is also a good car to live with during this kind of long-term exposure:

The five-door design is more upright and practical than the Nissan Qashqai crossover – its most obvious rival – but looks classy and robust.

The cabin shows an unfussy yet durable style that is typical Skoda and impresses at the brand's usual value for money price point.

It's well-organised and equipped with clever storage such as the collapsible boot bin and useful hooks – the depth of thought at design stage is quite obvious and typical of the Czech brand.

Ride and comfort is excellent and the rear seats rake for extra lounging appeal or accommodation of a child seat.

Rear legroom is exceptional even when those in front are greedy, and the three rear chairs can be tumbled and arranged individually a la MPV, or even removed for varied and ultimate load capacity.

With it's tall back end and high lift tailgate cum rain shelter, the Yeti is also an excellent makeshift grandstand cum picnic station.

Personally, I would still opt for the 4x4 versions to get the extra grip that goes with the styling but, make no doubt, the Skoda's SUV looks disguise a car that is every bit capable of competing in the new crossover arena or tackling MPVs head on.

With a line-up of terrific engines, ranging from small and lively low emission turbocharged petrol engines to sophisticated diesels, including the 105PS (104bhp) 1.6-litre unit in the Greenline, there's a Yeti to suit anyone.

Like its elusive namesake, it's not cuddly, but you should be curious to know more.

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What a coup for Vauxhall

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Picanto picked for green gong

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Evoque evokes interest

LAND Rover dealer Barretts of Canterbury and Ashford has complimented the brand on how it has 'evoked' interest in its ground-breaking new compact Range Rover model

Mark Nicholas, Barretts Land Rover brand director, said: "Advance publicity for the new Evoque has been superb, generating huge interest in the car and swallowing up a lot of our initial allocation. But there are still opportunities and we are taking lots of bookings for test drives."

Barretts launched the car at the weekend after an exclusive preview for 200 guests across both franchises a couple of days earlier.

While many industry watchers have commented on the inclusion of a front-wheel drive only version in the Evoque line-up – a first for Land/Range Rover – Mr Nicholas said full 4x4 models dominated his dealerships' order book.

The Evoque has been bagging awards for some time, despite appearing in showrooms only days ago; last month it scooped the prestigious Auto Express Car of the Year award.

Citing the Evoque's 'mould breaking' looks and driving dynamics as key factors in its success, the magazine also praised its keen pricing (from £27,955) adding: "The Evoque puts the hugely desirable Range Rover brand within the reach of compact executive car buyers for the very first time. The fact it looks and drives the way it does serves only to underline its premium appeal.

IN DEMAND: The new Land Rover Evoque has generated huge interest

"You have only to look at its concept car styling to see why the British firm already has a bulging order book for the new baby of its range. Its appeal goes far beyond its distinctive styling."

Underlining the marketing savvy that has also backed a fine looking car, the British brand also delivered the first new Evoque to a royal customer.

Zara Phillips, who is also a leading equestrian, Land Rover ambassador and new wife to England rugby star Mike Tindall – currently with the World Cup team in New Zealand.

She said: "I've grown up around Land Rovers and have been an ambassador for the brand for several years – I am really looking forward to getting behind the wheel of my new Evoque. It looks fantastic and I am delighted to be the first person in the UK to take delivery of one."

The new Evoque is available either as a three or five-door, with a choice of three engines, three design themes and a wide range of options and accessories.

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WJ King's Motability Scheme will support the acclaimed work of the Charlton Athletic Community Trust's Disability and Mental Health programme, which includes the award winning Charlton Upbeats – the Down's Syndrome sports club.

Jeff Conway, WJ King's group sales manager (pictured left), said: "We are delighted to enter into this agreement with such a respected charity as the Charlton Athletic Community Trust.

"CACT's renowned work in the community and, in particular their successful disability and mental health programme, make them the perfect partners for our Motability Scheme."

Jason Morgan, CACT CEO (pictured right) said: "We are justifiably proud of what we have achieved in our disability and mental health programme and having the support of such a company as WJ King can only help us to enhance the service that we provide."

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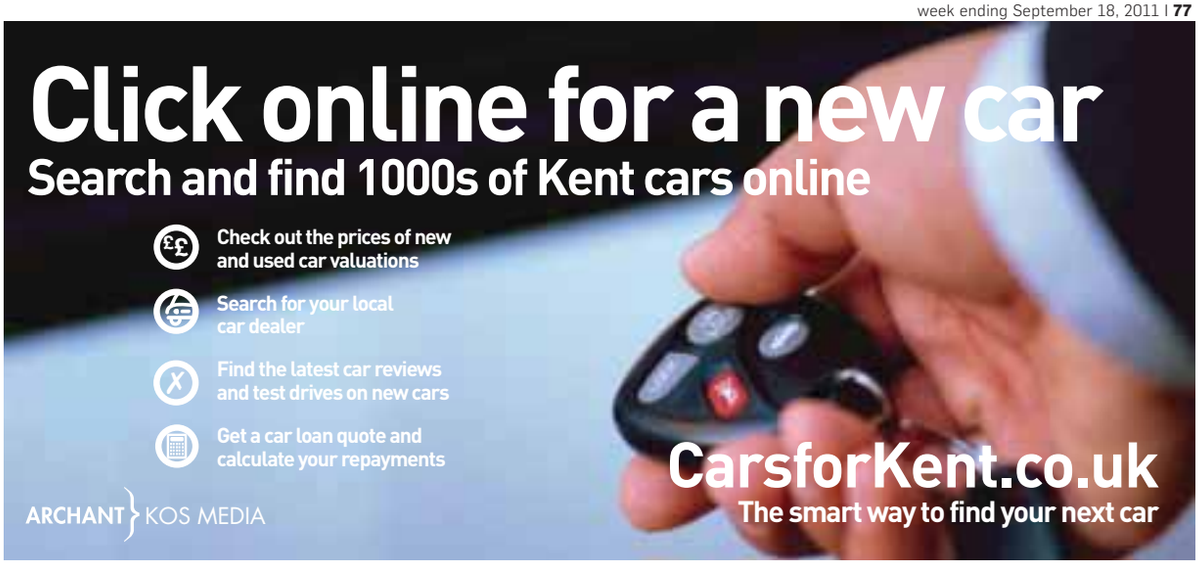

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58 Monthly payments	£163.36
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2005 05 Reg SAAB 9-5 2.3 HOT Aero, 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 93,000 miles, Metallic silver, 2 Owners. ABS, Alloy wheels, Cruise control, Roof rails, Radio/Cassette, Radio/CD, Rear headrests, Traction control, 3x3 point rear seat belts, Alarm, Elec door mirrors/windows, PAS, Remote central locking, Trip computer, Leather seat trim, Insurance Group: 17 ..... **£5,295**

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2001 Y Reg SAAB 9-5 2.3 HOT AERO, 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 143,150 miles, metallic silver, ABS, Alloy wheels, Cruise control, Front armrest, Headlight washers, Folding rear seats, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Rear armrest, Roof rails, Radio/CD/Cassette, Side airbags, Rear headrests, Traction control, Audio remote control, Body coloured bumpers, Drivers airbag, Electric door mirrors, Front electric windows, Front fog lights, Front head restraints, Heated door mirrors, Height adjustable drivers seat, PAS, Rear electric windows, Remote central locking, Steering wheel reach adjustment, Trip computer. Insurance Group:17A **£1,795**

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2008(08) **FORD FOCUS STYLE ESTATE AUTO,** RED, 11000 miles £7,995

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2009(59) **RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TD MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 6000 miles £14,995
2008(08) **RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 14000 miles £7,495
2008(08) **RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 21000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO,** TEMPEST, 15000 miles £6,995

RENAULT

2009(59) **RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE COUPE AUTO,** RUBY RED, 8000 miles £11,995
2010(59) **RENAULT SCENIC EXPRESSION VVT MPV AUTO,** CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles £11,995
2011(11) **RENAULT GRAND MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO,** RUBY RED, 1700 miles £10,995
2008(08) **RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO,** GREY, 15000 miles £9,995
2008(08) **RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO,** CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles £9,995
2008(08) **RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 MPV AUTO,** GREEN, 15000 miles £7,995
2008(08) **RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO,** COSMIC GREY, 2000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **RENAULT CLIO EXPRESSION 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 1500 miles £6,995
2008(57) **RENAULT MODUS DYNAMIQUE S VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles £6,495
2008(08) **RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5DR HATCH AUTO,** EXTREME BLUE, 10000 miles £5,995
2006(06) **RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 29000 miles £4,995
2003(53) **RENAULT SCENIC FIDJI 16V MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 38000 miles £3,695

CHEVROLET

2009(09) **CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO,** POLY SILVER, 7000 miles £6,995
2009(59) **CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ORANGE, 500 miles £5,995
2009(59) **CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles £5,995
2009(58) **CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO,** BLACK, 9000 miles £5,995
2008(08) **CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SPORTS BLUE, 18000 miles £5,495
2008(08) **CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SPORTS BLUE, 10000 miles £5,495
2008(08) **CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 18000 miles £4,995
2006(56) **CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles £3,995

HYUNDAI

2011(11) **HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO,** RED, 100 miles £10,995
2010(10) **HYUNDAI I30 COMFORT CRDI 5DR TURBO HATCH AUTO,** SILVER, 8000 miles £10,995
2010(60) **HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 400 miles £9,995
2008(08) **HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles £9,995
2008(58) **HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 10000 miles £6,995
2009(59) **HYUNDAI I10 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO,** GREY, 8000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 10000 miles £5,995
2008(08) **HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO,** WINE RED, 7000 miles £5,995
2008(08) **HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO,** WINE RED, 13000 miles £5,995
2007(07) **HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SEASIDE BLUE, 19000 miles £5,495
2008(08) **HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 9000 miles £5,495
2008(57) **HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 27000 miles £4,995
2007(57) **HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO,** YELLOW, 14000 miles £4,495

KIA

2010(60) **KIA RIO DOMINO 5DR HATCH AUTO,** WHITE, 2000 miles £7,995
2008(08) **KIA RIO GS 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 13000 miles £5,995
2008(08) **KIA PICANTO 2 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 7000 miles £5,995

DAIHATSU

2008(08) **DAIHATSU MATERIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** GREY, 12000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 8000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 13000 miles £6,495
2007(57) **DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles £6,495
2007(07) **DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 16000 miles £5,495

BMW

2009(59) **BMW 3 SERIES 320I SE COUPE AUTO,** BRONZE, 4000 miles £19,995

FIAT

2009(59) **FIAT PANDA ACTIVE ECO 5DR HATCH,** BLUE, 9000 miles £4,995

FUSION

2010(60) **FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 3000 miles £10,995
2010(10) **FORD FUSION ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 1800 miles £9,995
2009(09) **FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO,** GREY, 16000 miles £7,495
2008(08) **FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 13000 miles £6,995
2009(09) **FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 11000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** OCEAN BLUE, 20000 miles £5,995

CITROEN

2011(11) **CITROEN C1 VTR PLUS 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ELECTRA BLUE, 300 miles £9,995
2008(58) **CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** GREY, 10000 miles £7,995

MONDEO

2005(05) **FORD MONDEO LX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SILVER, 42000 miles £4,495

CORSA

2009(59) **VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SILVER LIGHTNING , 10000 miles £8,995
2010(10) **VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SILVER LIGHTNING , 2000 miles £8,995
2008(58) **VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles £7,995
2009(09) **VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH AUTO,** GOLD, 12000 miles £7,495
2008(08) **VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO,** STAR SILVER, 12000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 17000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** GOLD, 9000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO,** METRO BLUE, 8000 miles £6,495
2007(57) **VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** STAR SILVER, 13000 miles £5,995
2006(56) **VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles £5,495

MAZDA

2010(10) **MAZDA 5 5 TAKARA MPV AUTO,** SILVER, 5000 miles £14,995
2009(59) **MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO,** GALAXY GREY, 12000 miles £12,995
2008(08) **MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO,** GOLDEN SAND, 5000 miles £10,995
2008(08) **MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO,** GREY, 2000 miles £10,995
2008(58) **MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** RED, 5000 miles £9,995
2008(08) **MAZDA 3 3 TS SALOON AUTO,** SPORTS BLUE, 11000 miles £7,495
2007(56) **MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 17000 miles £4,995

SUZUKI

2009(59) **SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 5000 miles £8,995
2007(57) **SUZUKI SX4 GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 21000 miles £7,495
2009(59) **SUZUKI ALTO SZ4 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 8000 miles £6,995
2006(06) **SUZUKI ALTO GL 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 19000 miles £3,695

TOYOTA

2010(60) **TOYOTA VERSO TR VALVEMATIC MPV AUTO,** SILVER, 5000 miles £16,995
2008(08) **TOYOTA AVENSIS T4 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 6000 miles £11,995
2010(60) **TOYOTA YARIS TR VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 2000 miles £10,995
2010(60) **TOYOTA IQ VVT-I IQ 3DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 900 miles £9,495
2008(08) **TOYOTA AURIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SILVER STEEL, 15000 miles £7,995
2010(10) **TOYOTA AYGO BLUE VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CARIBBEAN BLUE, 6000 miles £7,995
2008(08) **TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 12000 miles £7,495
2005(05) **TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CYRSTAL SILVER, 7000 miles £6,995
2004(04) **TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 3DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 35000 miles £5,495

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2008(08) **NISSAN X-TRAIL AVENTURA EXPLORER DCI TD ESTATE AUTO 4x4,** GREY, 16000 miles £16,995
2010(10) **NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAYMAN BLUE, 7000 miles ..£16,995
2008(58) **NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles ..£15,495
2008(08) **NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles £12,995
2010(60) **NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO,** WHITE, 3000 miles £11,995
2008(08) **NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 21000 miles £11,995
2008(08) **NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAYMAN BLUE, 14000 miles...£11,995
2011(11) **NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO,** RED, 2000 miles £11,995
2011(60) **NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO,** CHAMPAGNE, 3000 miles £11,495
2010(10) **NISSAN MICRA N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CHAMPAGNE , 12000 miles ..£9,995
2008(08) **NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO,** BLUE, 4000 miles £8,995
2009(59) **NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 8000 miles £8,995
2008(08) **NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO,** EMOTION RED, 7000 miles £8,995
2009(09) **NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 13000 miles £8,495
2009(58) **NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAFFE LATTE, 7000 miles ..£7,995
2009(09) **NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO,** GOLD, 8000 miles £7,995
2007(57) **NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO,** RED, 18000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO,** CHAMPAGNE, 11000 miles £6,995
2008(08) **NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO,** EMOTION RED, 18000 miles £6,995
2005(55) **NISSAN PRIMERA SVE ESTATE AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles £6,995
2007(57) **NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 miles £6,495
2007(57) **NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 3DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £6,495
2004(54) **NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 13000 miles £4,995
2005(55) **NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 39000 miles £4,995
2005(54) **NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAFE LATTE, 9000 miles £4,995
2005(05) **NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles ..£4,995
2005(05) **NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 11000 miles £4,995
2006(06) **NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO,** PACIFIC BLUE, 21000 miles £4,995
2005(05) **NISSAN PRIMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 43000 miles £4,995
2005(05) **NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles ..£4,495

ASTRA HATCHBACKS

2010(59) **VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 3DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles £8,995
2009(59) **VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 3DR HATCH AUTO,** TECHNICAL GREY, 5000 miles £8,995
2009(59) **VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles £8,995
2008(58) **VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO,** PANACOTTA, 15000 miles £8,495
2009(09) **VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SILVER LIGHTNING, 14000 miles £8,495
2008(58) **VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 3000 miles ..£7,995
2009(59) **VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO,** GREEN, 2000 miles £7,995
2007(57) **VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO,** PEACOCK BLUE METALLIC, 20000 miles £5,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 10000 miles £5,995
2007(57) **VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 17000 miles £5,495
2008(57) **VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO,** TURQUOISE, 16000 miles £5,495

NEW MODEL ASTRA

2010(10) **VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** GREEN, 900 miles £14,995
2011(11) **VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SOVEREIGN SILVER, 1700 miles £14,995
2010(10) **VAUXHALL ASTRA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles £10,995

ASTRA ESTATES

2011(11) **VAUXHALL ASTRA SE ESTATE CAR ESTATE AUTO,** TECHNICAL GREY, 1600 miles £16,995
2010(10) **VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE ESTATE AUTO,** SILVER LIGHTNING, 3000 miles £9,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO,** BLUE, 1000 miles £6,495
2006(56) **VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO,** PANACOTTA, 19000 miles ..£5,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL ASTRA ESTATE LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO,** STAR SILVER, 12000 miles £5,995
2006(06) **VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE 16V ESTATE AUTO,** POMMEGRANITE RED, 14000 miles £4,995

ZAFIRA MERIVA & AGILA

2008(08) **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE MPV AUTO,** CHAMPAGNE, 5000 miles £10,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO,** PANNACOTTA, 13000 miles £8,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO,** SILVER LIGHTNING, 9000 miles £8,995
2008(08) **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO,** ULTRA BLUE, 12000 miles £8,995
2009(59) **VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO,** GOLD, 3000 miles £8,495
2008(08) **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 17000 miles £8,495
2009(59) **VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO,** ULTRA BLUE, 5000 miles £8,495
2005(05) **VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MTA MPV AUTO,** STAR SILVER, 7000 miles £4,995
2007(07) **VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO,** METRO BLUE, 51000 miles £4,695
2005(55) **VAUXHALL MERIVA ENJOY 16V MTA MPV AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 31000 miles £4,495

PEUGEOT

2010(10) **PEUGEOT 207 CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO,** BLACK, 3000 miles £13,995
2010(10) **PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 7000 miles £10,995
2010(10) **PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ABYSS BLUE, 6000 miles £9,995
2010(59) **PEUGEOT 207 S 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** MONTEBELLO BLUE, 1000 miles £9,495
2009(09) **PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO,** NIMBUS GREY, 7000 miles £8,995
2008(08) **PEUGEOT 207 SE PREMIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles £8,995
2007(57) **PEUGEOT 307 SW SE ESTATE AUTO,** RED, 23000 miles £7,495
2007(57) **PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 3DR HATCH AUTO,** GREY, 2000 miles £6,995
2009(09) **PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ELECTRIC BLUE, 9000 miles..£6,995
2008(08) **PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 2-TRONIC 3DR HATCH AUTO,** CITRUS YELLOW, 14000 miles £5,995

MITSUBISHI

2007(57) **MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO,** GREY, 19000 miles £6,995

HONDA

2008(57) **HONDA CR-V ES AUTO 5DR AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles ...£16,995
2007(07) **HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4,** GREY, 24000 miles ...£15,995
2011(11) **HONDA JAZZ I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO,** URBAN TITANIUM, 300 miles...£12,995
2006(06) **HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE ESTATE AUTO 4x4,** BLACK, 26000 miles £9,995
2008(58) **HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 9000 miles £9,495

MERCEDES

2007(57) **MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO,** CUBANITE SILVER, 23000 miles £12,995
2009(09) **MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO,** STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles £12,995
2008(58) **MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A170 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 16000 miles £12,995
2008(58) **MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 ELEGANCE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** SATURN RED, 8000 miles £11,995
2006(56) **MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180 KOMPRESSOR SPORT EDITION COUPE AUTO,** BLUEBLACK, 48000 miles £10,995
2008(08) **MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles £10,495
2008(08) **MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** POLAR SILVER, 9000 miles £10,495
2003(53) **MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 ELEGANCE SWB 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 42000 miles £4,995

VOLKSWAGEN

2008(08) **VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH TDI 105 DSG 5DR TD HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 17000 miles £12,995
2011(11) **VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 1000 miles ..£12,995
2010(59) **VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO,** REFLEX SILVER, 3000 miles £11,995
2008(08) **VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 10000 miles £11,995
2008(08) **VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE GRAPHITE, 18000 miles £11,495
2009(09) **VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP)...5DR HATCH AUTO,** ANTHRACITE GREY, 5000 miles £8,995
2008(08) **VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) ..5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 14000 miles £7,995
2008(58) **VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) ..5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 15000 miles £7,995
2008(58) **VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR AUTO,** BLACK, 12000 miles £7,995

DIESEL AUTOMATICS

2010(60) **VAUXHALL MERIVA SE CDTI TD MPV AUTO,** GREY, 5000 miles £15,995
2010(60) **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £15,995
2009(59) **RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TD MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 6000 miles £14,995
2009(09) **MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO,** STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles £12,995
2011(11) **PEUGEOT 308 HDI S 5DR TURBO HATCH AUTO,** THORIUM GREY, 1000 miles £12,995
2008(08) **VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH TDI 105 DSG 5DR TD HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 17000 miles £12,995

MORRIS'S MANUAL CARS

2006(06) **MINI COOPER MINI COOPER CONVERTIBLE,** PURPLE, 49000 miles £8,495
2009(59) **VAUXHALL ASTRA SXI 1.4 16V 3DR,** TECHNICAL GREY, 19000 miles £7,995
2006(56) **VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles £5,495
2009(59) **FIAT PANDA ACTIVE ECO 5DR HATCH,** BLUE, 9000 miles £4,995
2005(55) **PEUGEOT 206 CC ALLURE 5SPEED MANUAL COUPE,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 48000 miles £4,995

SKODA

2008(58) **SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 8000 miles £7,995
2008(08) **SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 4000 miles £7,495

QASHQAI

2011(11) **NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** RED, 2000 miles £21,995
2010(60) **NISSAN QASHQAI N-TEC PLUS 2 4X4 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4,** BLACK, 200 miles £21,995
2010(60) **NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 2000 miles £19,995
2009(09) **NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 11000 miles £16,995
2008(58) **NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles £15,995
2008(58) **NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles £15,495
2009(09) **NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 10000 miles £14,995
2008(08) **NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles £12,995
2008(08) **NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CHAMPAGNE, 18000 miles £12,495
2008(08) **NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 21000 miles £11,995
2008(08) **NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAYMAN BLUE, 14000 miles..£11,995

MINI

2010(60) **MINI COOPER MINI COOPER 3DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 1700 miles ...£14,995

VAUXHALL AGILA

2011(60) **VAUXHALL AGILA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 650 miles £10,995
2009(09) **VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 3000 miles £7,995

FIESTA

2008(08) **FORD FIESTA GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** AMETHYST, 5000 miles £7,995
2008(08) **FORD FIESTA STYLE CLIMATE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** GREEN, 5000 miles £6,995

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2005(55) **NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 39000 miles £4,995
2005(54) **NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** CAFE LATTE, 9000 miles £4,995
2004(54) **NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 13000 miles £4,995
2008(57) **HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO,** BLUE, 27000 miles £4,995
2005(54) **FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO,** MOONDUST SILVER, 29000 miles £4,995
2005(05) **NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles £4,995
2007(56) **MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 17000 miles £4,995
2005(05) **NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 11000 miles £4,995
2006(55) **FORD FOCUS LX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO,** JEANS BLUE, 28000 miles £4,995
2008(08) **CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLACK, 18000 miles £4,995
2003(53) **MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 ELEGANCE SWB 5DR HATCH AUTO,** ALUMINIUM SILVER, 42000 miles £4,995
2005(05) **VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MTA MPV AUTO,** STAR SILVER, 7000 miles £4,995
2006(06) **NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO,** PACIFIC BLUE, 21000 miles £4,995
2005(05) **NISSAN PRIMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO,** BLUE, 43000 miles £4,995
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OPTIMISTIC: Promoted Medway Park Crusaders

BASKETBALL

Crusaders hope new-look squad makes step up

THE basketball season gets under way this weekend with newly-promoted Medway Park Crusaders keen to establish themselves in English Basketball League Division One.

Victory in the third tier play-off final in April capped off the club's most successful season. The intention is to do more than just survive at the higher level and the squad has been extensively revamped during the summer.

Several new signings bring experience of Division One, including Adrian Fenyn, who has been the league's top scorer for the past two seasons.

With a limited budget, head coach James Vear has put the additions down to the excellent facilities at Medway Park and the club's reputation for playing attacking, high tempo basketball.

He said: "To get players in who are proven at this level shows how ambitious the club is and we're excited to get going. If I'm honest, if we finish in the top half that would be pretty good and anything better would be a bonus."

Before the league begins next month the competitive games start with two cups.

On Saturday the Crusaders visited Reading Rockets in the National Trophy, before hosting a National Cup tie against Hackney White Heat (tip-off is at 3pm).

CHANCE: Rapha's Kristian House may well attack in the Tour of Britain's final stage in London

CYCLING

London last hope of stage glory for combative House

By Glenn Pearson
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AS the Tour of Britain rolls into London for the final two stages of this year's eventful race, Kent rider Kristian House is focused firmly on one last chance of a race win.

With Tuesday's stage from Kendal to Blackpool being cancelled, the race's top teams literally shattered the field to pieces in Wednesday's stage around Stoke.

House, who rides for Rapha Condor Sharp, was boxed in when the stage's main move happened and the Tour's General Classification formed.

The Canterbury-born rider lost more than four minutes and while that ended his GC hopes, it meant he was free to contend for a stage win, the one goal still left to achieve in his career.

Stage four from Welshpool to Caerphilly represented a real chance and after House managed to get away, he, together with two other riders, built up a gap of six minutes on the chasing peleton that meant he was the virtual leader on the road.

However, they were brought back by bunch powerhouses, Sky and Rabobank, and despite a last-ditch attempt to get away, which earned him the day's combative award, dreams of a stage win were over.

"It was nice because people will have talked about that and you get a bit more publicity out of it, but in the back of your mind you know it's not going to last," House said. "When you've got guys in the bunch like Sky, Rabobank and Leopard Trek, this is what they do for a living and when they decide to bring the hammer down, they do it pretty quickly."

Despite missing out, House is confident a domestic team will win a race in the near future and is hoping to feature prominently in Sunday's final stage in London. A time trial precedes the final stage, which House believes will come down to a bunch sprint for HTC's Mark Cavendish.

"The time trial will decide how that last stage is raced, more than likely it will be a big bunch sprint with someone like Cav doing what he does best and winning," he said.

Read House's exclusive daily blog at www.kentsport.co.uk.

Pictures: GERARD BROWN

SPRINT: Mark Cavendish will fancy a bunch kick

EYE'S ON YOU: The Tour heads to London

HOCKEY

GB forward adds to ladies' title ambitions

A Great Britain international has moved to Canterbury ladies on the eve of the new hockey season to boost the side's hopes of capturing the English Hockey League Premier Division title.

Charlotte Craddock made the switch to Polo Farm just in time for the season opener at home to Reading on Saturday. The 20-year-old forward has 45 international caps but arrives with something to prove after falling down the pecking order with less than a year until the Olympics.

Nick Clark, Canterbury ladies' coach, is delighted with the signing and believes the squad are an improvement from last season, when they missed out on the title by just two points.

He said: "It's a great move for us. Charlotte's looking to get back into favour in the national set-up and I think we needed a bit more threat up front.

"I think we're slightly better placed than we were 12 months ago, the players we've recruited will give us a bit more strength, but it's not going to be easy."

Defender Dilly Newton has also joined, taking the squad's England contingent to four. Newton and Craddock were in line for debuts this weekend, but Natalie Seymour and Susannah Townsend will miss the first two games after featuring at the European Championships last month.

Canterbury's men are back in Conference East after relegation from the top flight last season. They will be keen to bounce straight back, as they did two seasons ago, from a division which also includes Holcombe and Bromley & Beckenham.

On the women's side, Sevenoaks and Maidstone are bidding to get out of Conference East and join Canterbury among the country's elite.

With Maidstone only winning promotion into the division in the spring, Sevenoaks look better placed to mount a serious challenge. They won the league last season, but missed out in the play-offs.

Sophie Crosley and Katy Barnett have left for university, while Cathy Gilliat-Smith and Liz Key are both pregnant, but Lauren Van Der Kamp, Sarah Bolton and Nicola Lloyd should offset the departures.

Picture: ADY KERRY

NEW GIRL: Charlotte Craddock (centre) has arrived to bolster Canterbury ladies

CONTENDERS: Sevenoaks ladies

MOTORSPORT

New Motorbase driver on bumper Rockingham grid

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Picture: PSP IMAGES

DEBUT: Michael Caine makes his BTCC bow this weekend after being named as Airwaves Racing's third driver

SPECULATION surrounding Motorbase Performance's plans to run a third car in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) was finally ended this week when the Kent team unveiled Michael Caine as their new driver.

A season dominated by Mat Jackson's fight for the drivers' championship has also been filled with rumours about who would take the third seat at Motorbase, competing in the BTCC as Airwaves Racing.

Caine, 42, who tested the Airwaves Ford Focus at Brands Hatch last week, has twice finished runner-up in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB since joining Wrotham-based Motorbase in 2006.

Team principal David Bartrum said: "Michael Caine is the longest-serving Motorbase Performance driver, so we know him as good as we will ever know any other driver.

"Michael does everything he can for the team; he's a Motorbase team player through and through and is the perfect team-mate to drive alongside Mat [Jackson] and Liam [Griffin].

"The team and Michael are under no illusions that he's taking on a particularly tough task at the hardest point of the season, but with his personality he will be a great addition to the BTCC. I know a lot of people want to see him have this chance so I hope that all the fans will give him the support he rightly deserves."

Caine's first taste of the series comes at Rockingham this weekend, with Airwaves looking to cement their place at the top of the independent teams' championship.

"It's an opportunity that I thought would never ever arise and I'm delighted," he said. "I just hope that I can represent Motorbase and the sponsors in the correct manner to deliver the results that the team deserve and support Mat and Liam with their challenge for the championship."

The addition of Caine to the BTCC grid may have dominated the headlines at Motorbase this week, but the focus for Jackson remains firmly on closing the gap to Gordon Shedden and Matt Neal at the top of the standings, following a disastrous race day at Knockhill in the last round.

Jackson, 30, returned from the Scottish circuit with only one point to show for his efforts and the 30-year-old now faces an uphill struggle if he is to keep alive Motorbase's dream of overhauling the Honda Civics of Shedden and Neal in the title race.

A deficit of 23 points is not unassailable, with nine races still to come, but Jackson will almost certainly need both of his rivals to slip up if he is to catch them.

The Rockingham grid is set to feature 27 cars this weekend, the largest number in the BTCC since 1994. Among them will be Dartford's Tony Gilham, back in action after losing his seat at 888 Racing due to a lack of sponsorship.

The 32-year-old was not involved at Knockhill, but has now teamed up with Geoff Steel Racing and will drive a normally-aspirated BMW this weekend, with the team hoping to switch to a turbo engine before the end of the season. Gilham made a promising start to the season, scoring six points in the first nine races, although his last top-10 finish came back in May.

The first of Sunday's three races gets under way at 11.30am.

Picture: ADY KERRY

WHAT A PICTURE: Royal Cinque Ports

GOLF

Royal Cinque Ports given annual Open qualifying

KENT will have a role in The Open Championship every year from 2014 after one of the county's top courses was selected as a fixed venue for Final Qualifying.

Royal Cinque Ports in Deal was one of four clubs in Britain to receive the honour this month from tournament organisers The R&A.

Under the existing system four venues near to The Open course stage the last stage of qualifying, but from 2014 they will be spread out across Britain to improve accessibility for players.

Royal Cinque Ports is a former Open Championship venue and hosted Final Qualifying for this year's tournament, held in Sandwich at Royal St George's.

Martin Bond, Cinque Ports' secretary, said: "I think The R&A enjoyed being here in the summer and invited us to take over from 2014.

"We have good facilities here, a fantastic course and a great team of employees all of which contributed to a really positive experience.

"It's very nice for the club to be a part of and we're all thrilled about it."

The initial agreement with The R&A, which also covers Glasgow Gailes Links, Hillside, and Woburn is for four years, when the process will be reviewed.

The accolade is the latest boost for the club, which is the venue for two other prestigious tournaments in the near future.

Next year they have the Carris Trophy, England's Under-18 strokeplay championship, while in 2013 the Amateur Championship returns for the first time since 1982.

Picture: ADY KERRY

TALENT: Andy Smith at Royal St George's

GOLF

Empty promises give Open golfer debt headache

WITHIN weeks of appearing at The Open Championship, Andy Smith is struggling to make ends meet after assurances of financial backing made at the tournament fell through.

The 26-year-old provided one of the most intriguing stories in the build-up to the tournament when he stunned experienced tour professionals to come through qualifying with a set of borrowed clubs in his first tournament in months.

Although he missed the cut at Royal St George's, the exposure led to several offers of sponsorship which looked set to give him the security to play regularly again.

The reality has been very different as the Maidstone golfer has found the offers dry up since the tournament in July.

Smith has played three events on the low profile Alps Tour in recent weeks, making one cut, but admits without the added funding since The Open, it is tough.

He said: "I'm still struggling for sponsors. There were a lot of promises made at The Open which haven't come to anything. It's a massive worry because I'm in quite a bit of debt at the moment."

The focus is on earning a place on tour for next season. Smith heads to Italy later this month for the start of the European Tour's qualifying school, a three-stage process which sees hundreds of hopefuls attempt to gain a place among the elite.

Another option would be to try his luck in the United States. After playing a practice round at The Open with Rory Sabbatini the South African offered to pay for Smith to enter qualifying school for the PGA Tour in November, which is one promise which looks set to be kept.

HOPE: Rory Sabbatini was impressed with Smith

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOCUS WITH FRED ATKINS

Take the oath

AROUND a decade ago the Kent League waged an unwinnable war when it declared a zero tolerance policy on bad language in a bid to make its grounds more family friendly.

That intention was laudable enough. Average gates were so pitiful that attendance statistics were exaggerated. A minimum figure of 50 was published, as if this would somehow spare a club from embarrassment, even if the number of paying customers was often far lower.

At some grounds the crowds were almost entirely made up of relatives of the playing staff, with the limited number of paying customers almost exclusively white and male.

In a bold but doomed bid to broaden the fan base, it was decided to crack down on abusive language. And, as with most zero tolerance strategies, it died on its backside. The policy singled out the weakest clubs for punishment. Swearing born of frustration will inevitably increase in a struggling side and in one game Canterbury City, bottom of the table at the time, were reduced to seven players.

It also failed to distinguish between heat-of-the-moment obscenity and far more sinister forms of intimidation, either verbal or physical.

Higher authorities than the Kent FA are still trying to strike a balance. Wayne Rooney was banned for three games after he swore into a microphone last season, but escaped retrospective punishment after his elbow somehow ended up in Wigan's James McCarthy's face, on the surreal grounds the referee had seen the incident.

The message that sends out is swearing is a more heinous crime than violent conduct and it hasn't had any impact on offensive behaviour.

Earlier this season the atmosphere at an otherwise competitive Ryman League derby featuring two Kent clubs was soured when the respective managers began openly abusing each other in full view of the main stand, thinly disguising their exchanges as banter.

A few years ago I sat in the press box at another Kent ground while directors were discussing a group of baseball-hatted urchins loitering behind the goal.

The consensus was their language was unacceptable. Unfortunately at that exact moment their central defender blundered and his partner screamed an obscenity at him that echoed around the ground.

Most children are smart enough to know this isn't the kind of language you'd repeat in a classroom – Nick Hornby wrote that as an adolescent he realised swearing was tacitly accepted in football grounds when it clearly wasn't elsewhere. And perhaps that's because trying to eradicate swearing in football is, to paraphrase Martin Sheen, like handing out speeding tickets at the Indy 500. If you were able to sit through England's last World Cup campaign without uttering an oath, I'd suggest you're either a monk, or a Scotsman.

FOOTBALL

Pools move still sinking in for Jack

Teenager Jack Baldwin tells our man STEVE TERVET about his shock move to Hartlepool United

Picture: HARTLEPOOL UNITED

FUTURE: Baldwin looks to impress in an outing for Hartlepool's reserves

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

PROSPECT: Baldwin on the ball in his Ryman League days at Faversham

FROM Faversham Town's reserve side and the rigours of sixth-form studies to a life-changing week in the north-east and a dream ticket to the world of professional football, Jack Baldwin has had quite a year.

Just two months ago, the 18-year-old was finalising arrangements for the start of his sports therapy course at the University of Kent in Medway, but everything was about to change.

Baldwin was spotted playing in Ryman Division One South with Faversham last season by a Hartlepool United scout, and was soon offered a trial with the League One club.

However, a knee injury, sustained in the final game of the season, looked to have set him back at the worst possible time and when a pre-season trial with Gillingham ended in disappointment, Baldwin could have been forgiven for thinking his chance had passed.

However, as he describes, his remarkable tale was only just the beginning.

He said: "Unfortunately, [Gillingham manager] Andy Hessenthaler said he didn't think I was quite ready for League football yet. Although, he said that if I still wanted to go to uni and train with them, I could.

"I'd got my place confirmed, I'd applied for my accommodation and my loan was sorted out. I came up to Hartlepool for a week, I trained and played a few games and I didn't need to go back to Gillingham or to university because I was successful.

"The manager [Mick Wadsworth] said 'we'd like to offer you a contract' and I said 'great'. It was all amazingly quick."

That Baldwin was even in the Faversham side when the Pools scout visited Salters Lane would have seemed unlikely at the start of last season.

An under-18 player at Chatham Town, he was persuaded to head down the A2 and try his hand with the Lilywhites' reserves, before a spate of injuries to more senior players prompted manager Justin Luchford to give him a chance in the first-team. Baldwin said: "They helped me so much in terms of my fitness and what I could be doing to improve.

"As a young lad, to go to a semi-pro outfit like Faversham and get games was very good for me.

"I was on the bench for quite a bit, getting 20 minutes here and there.

"It wasn't the best way to be drafted in, because of injuries, but when I stepped in, people were watching, so I suppose I was in the right place at the right time."

Baldwin is having to grow up quickly, living more than 250 miles from his hometown of Barking, Essex, although in former Newcastle United and Peru midfield general Nolberto Solano, he could scarcely ask for a better mentor on the training pitch.

"He's really helpful to the younger lads, he's always got positive words and ways to help us develop our game," he said.

"There are a few new faces this season, so there's not really a lot of pressure on me being the only new one."

FOOTBALL

Gills strike it lucky with Nouble signing

THE hunt for a striker to boost Gillingham's firepower finally came to an end this week with Frank Nouble arriving on loan from West Ham.

The 20-year-old agreed an initial one-month agreement on Thursday and was expected to make his debut in Saturday's trip to Hereford United.

Nouble, a former Chelsea apprentice, has a decent pedigree, making 15 appearances for the Hammers in the last two seasons. He is also familiar to loan spells, appearing for Swansea City, Barnsley and Charlton Athletic last season.

The move was at least in part down to Ian Hendon, who left the coaching set-up at Gillingham this summer to take up a role as West Ham's development coach.

Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler said: "[Nouble] is a quick one, so he will bring something different to the side. He has good experience and been around a few clubs already on loan. I think he should slot in nicely alongside Danny Kedwell and hopefully bring a few goals to the club.

"Frank has an excellent pedigree and comes to us from a proper club and I would like to thank West Ham and Ian Hendon for helping us out on this one. Frank needs games and hopefully we can help him, like we helped Cody McDonald last season."

If Nouble can make half the impact McDonald did Gillingham would be delighted. The striker netted 25 goals while on loan from Norwich City last season, finishing as the club's top scorer.

The move will have come as something of a relief to Gillingham's fans and staff alike. The club have spent two months searching for a replacement to fill the void left by Adam Birchall's long-term injury.

NEW MAN: Frank Nouble signed for Gillingham on Thursday evening

Earlier in the week Hessenthaler revealed the club had made a failed bid for Oxford's Jon-Paul Pittman, who opted to join League Two rivals Crawley Town on loan instead.

Gambia international Njogo Demba-Nyren also featured in a trial game this week, but Nouble looks a far better option as a partner for Kedwell.

CRICKET

Jury out following first pink ball trial

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MIXED: Views were polarised after Kent trialled the first use of a pink ball under lights in England

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THE great pink ball experiment continued to divide opinions amongst Kent's players, staff and members during their historic final game of the season.

The first ever championship match under lights was played at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury this week, bringing a rather surreal end to the 2011 cricket season. While it was a first for the four-day game played under floodlights and with a pink ball, the start time of 2pm and finish at 9pm also took some getting used to for the players, staff and supporters.

The general consensus was that there could be a future for championship cricket under lights, despite it being branded by the England and Wales Cricket Board as merely a trial for Test cricket. If you believe that you'll believe anything.

As for the experiment, the lights behaved as they pretty much have done all season and are proving to be a key feature of the St Lawrence redevelopment. The same can't be said of the ball. And yet again it's the Tiflex at the centre of the storm.

The Kent players have been highly critical of the Division Two ball all season, so one last chance to really give it a hammering is hardly surprising.

It was used in the first innings and at times was difficult to pick up from a spectator's view. It was superseded by the Kookaburra in the second innings, which retained its colour for longer.

Kent's director of cricket Paul Farbrace found his view changed during the course of the game, but was consistent on the use of the Tiflex ball.

"The Tiflex went so soft and the players have described it as like hitting a stone," he said. "It's soft on the outside with a hard centre, so when it hits the pitch it stays in there. It's pretty much a thumbs down on the Tiflex but the Kookaburra is a much better ball.

"It's been an interesting experiment and I have moved around a bit with my view on it. When it was first suggested I quite liked the quirky idea of it, then the closer we got to the game I thought 'I'm not too sure'. Now I think it's quite a good idea, although I'm not sure playing it last game of the season is great.

"I just wonder whether there might be an opportunity during the course of the season to have two rounds of championship games under lights. I think you might need to have them more in the middle of the summer, why not let the lights kick in?"

Stand-in skipper Geraint Jones was far from impressed and doesn't see the concept being used in the near future.

"The Tiflex needs some work because the colour is not ideal," he said.

"Once it got scuffed it became more of an off-white pinky colour rather than a brilliant colour. We'll see, it's an experiment and whether it's for us in the northern hemisphere as a way forward, I'm not sure. It strikes me as more of a southern hemisphere thing when there's less daylight hours."

While keen to explore new ways of attracting supporters to the game, the club's chief executive, Jamie Clifford, said the decision to play the game at short notice more than played its part.

He said: "Going back to the decision to do it, the one thing that annoys me was that it was so late in the day which puts us in a difficult position as a county.

"I would say a fifth of the members haven't come and it's a shame not to have them here and if there is anything I regret it's how it's left them."

During lunch on the second day, Azhar Mahmood was presented with his award after being voted Kent's player of the year.

THE VERDICT

"CLEARLY September is not the right time, but if that was changed and the ball is right, the game has to look at these things. It's fallen to us to play our part in the evolution of the game.

CEO, JAMIE CLIFFORD

"IT had to be experimented with, in some ways I'm glad it was us as there has been a lot of media attention. I think if they get it in the right place I can see it becoming part of the calendar.

COACH, PAUL FARBRACE

"IT'S an experiment and whether it's for us in the northern hemisphere as a way forward, I'm not sure. Can't see it happening in the near future until we get a ball of decent quality.

PLAYER, GERAINT JONES

"IF they want to get a real view on it from the players and spectators, they should be doing it in May or June. I think it's well worth a trial and if they can agree on the ball they could introduce it.

SUPPORTER, GEOFF WILLIAMS, BROMLEY

KENT SCHOOL GAMES

Kent School Games to be expanded in Olympic year

THE third Kent School Games (KSG) begins later this year with organisers expecting it to build on previous successes which have made it a model nationwide.

More than 550 schools took part in the second games last year, with 30,000 young people participating in what is believed to be the largest event of its kind in Europe.

Double Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes and Hugh Robertson, minister for sport and the Olympics, are among its high-profile supporters and helped it gain wider recognition.

As part of the build-up to the London Olympics next year, all counties in England have been encouraged to copy Kent's blueprint and hold their own versions.

Heats for the third KSG are due to begin in November. The structure has had several changes from previous years, mainly around the finals days.

Formerly condensed into an intense period in the summer, the new system will see different sports reach their climaxes between February and June.

The size has again expanded, with 90 events in the finals compared to 63 last year. New venues will include the soon to be completed Cyclopark at Gravesend, which will stage a host of cycling events incorporated into the KSG for the first time.

Chris Hespe, head of sport, leisure and the Olympics at Kent County Council, said: "There's just so much enthusiasm for it and other sports want to be involved.

"It's very difficult to say no, so there's a momentum here which is driving the games to be bigger.

"As we have held two in the past there's a system in place for the delivery but we don't think in future the finals will be much bigger because there's a limit to our capacity."

The long-term intention is for all school sport in Kent to be part of the KSG, even intra-school house matches.

Before then organisers will make the most of the county's links with the Olympics. Youngsters competing in finals days at venues in Canterbury next summer may be cheered on by elite athletes, with Nepal's Olympic and Paralympic squads agreeing to attend events while they are in the area for pre-Games training camps.

More commitments from other teams coming to the county in 2012 are expected to follow in the next few weeks.

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PLAYTIME: Dame Kelly Holmes has been among the Kent School Games' backers

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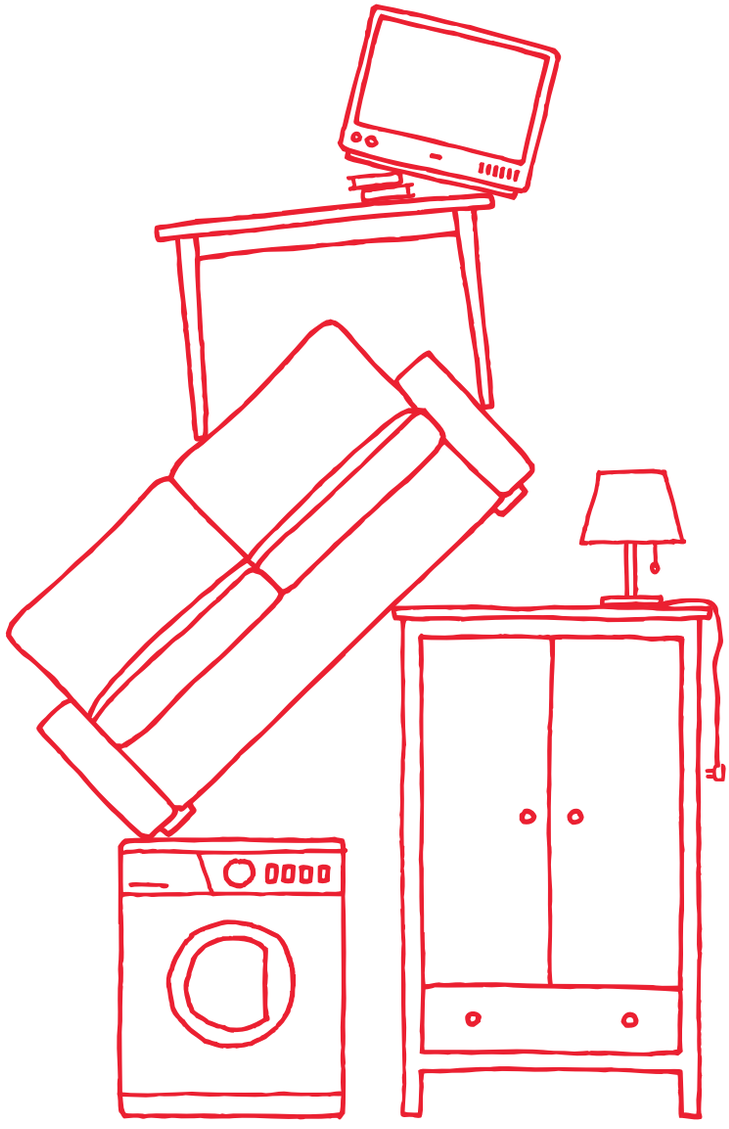

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